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GENERAL INFORMATION				
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA FRANKIE OVERTON ADMIN OF THE EST OF SUE ANN GRAHAM, DEC. ET AL v. CHRYSLER GROUP LLC ET AL				
First Plaintiff:	☐ Business ☐ Government	✓ Individual ☐ Other	First Defendant: ☑ Bu	siness
NATURE OF SUIT: Select primary cause of action, by checking box (check only one) that best characterizes your action:				
TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY WDEA - Wrongful Death TONG - Negligence: General TOMV - Negligence: Motor Vehicle TOWA - Wantonness TOPL - Product Liability/AEMLD TOMM - Malpractice-Medical TOLM - Malpractice-Legal TOOM - Malpractice-Other TBFM - Fraud/Bad Faith/Misrepresentation TOXX - Other: TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY TOPE - Personal Property TORE - Real Properly OTHER CIVIL FILINGS ABAN - Abandoned Automobile ACCT - Account & Nonmortgage APAA - Administrative Agency Appeal ADPA - Administrative Procedure Act ANPS - Adults in Need of Protective Service			OTHER CIVIL FILINGS (cont'd) MSXX - Birth/Death Certificate Modification/Bond Forfeiture Appeal/ Enforcement of Agency Subpoena/Petition to Preserve CVRT - Civil Rights COND - Condemnation/Eminent Domain/Right-of-Way CTMP - Contempt of Court CONT - Contract/Ejectment/Writ of Seizure TOCN - Conversion EQND - Equity Non-Damages Actions/Declaratory Judgment/ Injunction Election Contest/Quiet Title/Sale For Division CVUD - Eviction Appeal/Unlawful Detainer FORJ - Foreign Judgment	
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INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC; TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW **AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.:** and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1"

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FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, * Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child, **CASE NO:** Plaintiff, JURY DEMAND REQUESTED VS. **CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.**; FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS **OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW** AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP., f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC; TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS,

No. 1, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which designed the Jeep vehicle involved in the occurrence made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint, any component part thereof, or any attendant equipment used or available for use therewith;

No. 2, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which manufactured or assembled the Jeep vehicle involved in the occurrence made the basis of Plaintiff's complaint, any component part thereof, or any attendant equipment used or available for use therewith:

No. 3, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which had any role in the distributive chain regarding the Jeep vehicle involved in the occurrence made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint, any component part thereof, or any attendant equipment used or available for use therewith;

No. 4, whether singular or plural, that entity or those entities who or which, prior to the occurrence made the basis of this lawsuit, altered, maintained or repaired the Jeep vehicle involved in said occurrence, any component part thereof, or any attendant equipment used or available for use therewith:

No. 5, whether singular or plural, that entity or those entities, that individual or those individuals, other than those described above whose negligence, intentional conduct,

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willfulness, wantonness, or other wrongful conduct contributed to cause the occurrence made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint;

- No. 6, whether singular or plural, that entity or those entities, other than those described above, which is the successor-in-interest of any of those entities described above;
- No. 7, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which was responsible for the safety engineering of the Jeep vehicle made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint;
- No. 8, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which was buyer, seller, or as a buyer's or seller's agent or representative had any role in the distribution of the Jeep vehicle involved in the occurrence made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint;
- No. 9, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which issued or failed to issue warning or instructions regarding the use of the Jeep vehicle made the basis of the Plaintiff's Complaint;
- No. 10, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which manufactured the component part of the Jeep vehicle involved in the occurrence made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint;
- No. 11, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which as a buyer, seller, or buyer or seller's agent, had any role in the distribution of any component part of the Jeep vehicle made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint;
- No. 12, whether singular or plural, that entity who or which issued warnings or instructions regarding the use of any component part of the Jeep vehicle involved in the occurrence made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint;
- No. 13, whether singular or plural, that person, firm, corporation, or entity who or which had conducted safety inspections or analyses with respect to assembling of the Jeep vehicle made the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint; (Plaintiff avers that Defendant herein are otherwise unknown to Plaintiff at this time, or if their names are known to Plaintiff their identities as proper parties Defendant are not known to Plaintiff at this time, and their true names will be substituted by amendment when ascertained),

DEFENDANTS.

COMPLAINT

Parties

- 1. The decedent, Sue Ann Graham, was a resident of St. Clair County, Alabama.
- 2. Plaintiff **Frankie Overton**, as appointed administrator of the estate of Sue Ann Graham, deceased, is over the age of 19 years and is a resident citizen of St. Clair County, Alabama.

- 3. Plaintiff **Scott Graham**, as the father and legal guardian of Jordon Graham, a minor, is over the age of 19 years and is a resident citizen of Okaloosa County, Florida.
- 4. Defendant, **Rodericus Obyran Carrington** is over the age of 19 years and is a resident citizen of Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 5. Defendant, **Chrysler Group LLC**, ("Chrysler"), is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County.
- 6. Defendant, **Fiat Chrysler Automobiles US, LLC,** ("FCA"), is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County. Collectively, Chrysler and FCA are referred to as the "Chrysler Defendants".
- 7. Defendant, **TRW Automotive Holdings Corp.**, **f/k/a TRW, Inc.**, is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County.
- 8. Defendant, **TRW Automotive, Inc.**, is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County.
- 9. Defendant, **TRW Automotive U.S. LLC**, is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County.
- 10. Defendant, **TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc.**, is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County.
- 11. Defendant, **TRW Automotive US, LLC**, is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County.
- 12. Defendant, **TRW Safety Systems, Inc.**, is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County. All TRW Defendants collectively referred to as "TRW".

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- 13. Defendant **ZF Friedrichshafen AG**, is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County.
- 14. Defendant **ZF TRW Automotive Holdings Corp.**, is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Alabama, including Jefferson County. All ZF Defendants collectively referred to as "ZF".
- 15. Fictitious Defendants "1" through "13" are any other persons, corporations or other legal entities whose negligence, wantonness or other wrongful conduct combined and concurred with that of the other Defendants, who are responsible for, and/or whose true identities are unknown to Plaintiff at this time but will be substituted by amendment when ascertained.
- 16. The subject vehicle, a 2002 Jeep Liberty, VIN 1J4GL58K22W275419, was originally manufactured in the United States by the Defendants, and was distributed into the stream of commerce and specifically to the State of Alabama.
- 17. The subject vehicle was originally sold in the State of Alabama at a Chrysler-affiliated dealership.
- 18. The Chrysler Defendants maintain dealerships within the State of Alabama that sell the same or similar vehicles, including in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 19. Defendants Chrysler, TRW and ZF manufacture the same or similar vehicles, products and component parts of vehicles at issue in this case, and directed them into the stream of commerce and specifically to the State of Alabama for resale within the State, including in Jefferson County, Alabama.

- 20. Defendants Chrysler, TRW and ZF service the same or similar vehicles, products and component parts of vehicles at issue in this case located in the State of Alabama, including in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 21. The accident giving rise to this lawsuit occurred in Jefferson County, State of Alabama.
- 22. The victims of the accident giving rise to this lawsuit resided within the State of Alabama at the time of the accident.
- 23. Venue is proper in this action pursuant to Rule 82 of the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*, Ala. Code. S 6-3-7(a)(1), (4) and Ala. Code S 6-3-2(3).

Statement of Facts

- 24. On June 10, 2016, Plaintiff's decedent, Sue Ann Graham, and Jordon Graham, were passengers of a 2002 Jeep Liberty, VIN 1J4GL58K22W275419, traveling along Interstate 59 in the State of Alabama at or near mile marker 140 (139.8) in Jefferson County, Alabama. At or around the given time and place, a vehicle operated by Rodericus Obyran Carrington struck the 2002 Jeep Liberty containing the decedent and Jordon Graham, causing it to overturn on Interstate 59. At the time of the incident, the vehicle was being used as intended and both Sue Ann Graham and Jordon Graham were properly belted.
- 25. The 2002 Jeep Liberty was originally sold in Alabama, and was designed, engineered, manufactured and marketed by Defendants Chrysler, FCA, TRW Automotive Holdings Corp., f/k/a TRW, Inc.; TRW Automotive, Inc.; TRW Automotive U.S. LLC; TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc.; TRW Automotive US, LLC; TRW Safety Systems, Inc. (collectively, the "TRW Defendants" or "TRW"); ZF Friedrichshafen AG; ZF TRW Automotive Holdings Corp. (collectively, the "ZF Defendants" or "ZF"), and the fictitious

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party defendants 1 through 13. The vehicle was in substantially the same condition as it was on its original date of sale.

26. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Carrington's failure to obey the rules

of the road, as well as the defective condition of the 2002 Jeep Liberty, as well as the

negligent and/or wanton conduct of the Defendants, including the fictitious Defendants,

Sue Ann Graham sustained catastrophic injuries that resulted in her death.

27. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Carrington's failure to obey the rules

of the road, as well as the defective condition of the 2002 Jeep Liberty, Jordon Graham, a

passenger and a mere seat behind Sue Ann Graham at the time of the accident, was

physically, mentally and emotionally injured.

28. At Chrysler, FCA, TRW and ZF, safety is paramount and of utmost

importance.

COUNT ONE

(Alabama Extended Manufacturer's Liability Doctrine)

29. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained

in paragraphs 1 through 28 above as if set out here in full.

30. At the aforesaid time and place, and for sometime prior thereto, Defendants

Chrysler, FCA, TRW, ZF, and the fictitious party defendants 1 through 13 (the "Product

Liability Defendants"), were engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing,

distributing, marketing and/or selling the Jeep Liberty made the basis of this suit

throughout the United States, including the State of Alabama, for use by the general public.

During that period of time, the Product Liability Defendants, for valuable consideration,

designed, manufactured, distributed, inspected, marketed and/or sold the Jeep Liberty and

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its component parts made the basis of this suit which injured Sue Ann Graham and Jordon

Graham. At the time Sue Ann Graham was killed, the Jeep Liberty made the basis of this

suit was being used in a manner that was foreseeable. The Product Liability Defendants

negligently designed, manufactured, distributed, marketed, and/or sold the Jeep Liberty.

31. The defective condition of the vehicle made the basis of this suit was a

proximate cause of Sue Ann Graham and Jordon Graham's injuries. These defective

conditions, and the resulting injuries and damages, render the Product Liability Defendants

liable to Plaintiff pursuant to the Alabama Extended Manufacturer's Liability Doctrine.

32. The subject 2002 Jeep Liberty and its restraint system was defective and/or

unreasonably dangerous in design, manufacture and/or marketing as it relates to the

vehicle's characteristics for occupant protection and crashworthiness in a foreseeable

rollover event and lack of proper warnings regarding said issues. The defective condition

of the Jeep Liberty as it relates to said issues has been known by the Product Liability

Defendants for some time. Moreover, the defective condition of the Jeep Liberty was

known by Chrysler and/or former Chrysler companies absorbed by FCA, and that

knowledge transferred to FCA. Despite such knowledge, FCA took no action to warn,

recall or otherwise eliminate the defective condition.

33. Product Liability Defendants had a duty to determine if there were potential

hazards to consumers that were associated with the foreseeable uses of its products.

34. As a proximate result of the aforesaid wrongful, negligent conduct of each

of the Product Liability Defendants, Sue Ann Graham suffered catastrophic injuries that

resulted in her death, and her minor son Jordon Graham was injured physically, mentally

and emotionally as a result of the accident.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against each of the Defendants for damages in the following manner:

- As to Sue Ann Graham, All damages allowable under Alabama's Wrongful
 Death Act for the death of Sue Ann Graham as determined by a jury in an
 amount in excess of the jurisdiction requirements of this Court, together
 with interest from the date of injury, and the costs of this proceeding.
- As to Chrysler as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory damages
 recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama for the injuries sustained by
 Jordan Graham as determined by a jury; interest from the date of injury; the
 cost of this proceeding; and any further non-punitive relief that a jury shall
 determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.
- As to FCA as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory damages
 recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama; punitive damages for FCA's
 post-bankruptcy sale conduct, transactions, actions, or failures to act which
 caused the chain of events and injuries giving rise to this action; interest
 from the date of the injury, the cost of this proceeding, and any further relief
 that a jury shall determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.
- As to all remaining Product Liability Defendants as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory and punitive damages recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama, including interest from the date of injury; the cost of this proceeding; and any further relief that a jury shall determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.

COUNT TWO

(Negligence - Rodericus Obyran Carrington)

- 35. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 34 above as if set out here in full.
- Defendant Rodericus Obyran Carrington ("Defendant Carrington") is 36. responsible for his negligent acts while operating a motor vehicle in the State of Alabama.
- 37. Defendant Carrington owed a duty of care to the occupants of the 2002 Jeep Liberty to use reasonable care in his operation of the motor vehicle as alleged above.
- 38. On June 10, 2016 at the above-referenced time and place, Defendant Carrington negligently operated his vehicle. Defendant Carrington's negligent acts include but are not limited to: failing to operate his vehicle in accordance with the Alabama Rules of the Road; failing to control and operate his vehicle safely; failing to maintain a safe distance from the 2002 Jeep Liberty occupied by Sue Ann Graham and Jordon Graham; failing to keep a proper lookout for the 2002 Jeep Liberty occupied by Sue Ann Graham and Jordon Graham; and failing to slow down or yield to the 2002 Jeep Liberty occupied by Sue Ann Graham and Jordon Graham.
- 39. As a proximate consequence of Defendant Carrington's negligence, the 2002 Jeep Liberty occupied by Sue Ann Graham and Jordon Graham was struck by Defendant Carrington's vehicle, causing the vehicle to lose control and ultimately overturn on Interstate 59, killing Sue Ann Graham and injuring Jordon Graham physically, mentally and emotionally.
- 40. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendant Carrington in such an amount of damages as a jury may award under the laws of the State of Alabama

in an amount in excess of the jurisdiction requirements of this Court, and the costs of this action; and for all damages recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama for the injuries sustained by Jordan Graham as determined by a jury, including punitive damages, interest from the date of injury, the cost of this proceeding, and any further relief that a jury shall determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.

COUNT THREE

(Negligence – Product Liability Defendants)

- 41. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 40 above as if set out here in full.
- 42. At the aforesaid time and place, and for some time prior thereto, the Product Liability Defendants undertook a duty to design, manufacture, market, inspect, distribute, and/or sell the 2002 Jeep Liberty and its restraint system made the basis of this suit, in a reasonably safe condition for its intended use by the Plaintiff and the general public. The Product Liability Defendants negligently designed, manufactured, inspected, marketed and/or sold on the subject vehicle. Such conduct caused the 2002 Jeep Liberty to be unsafe when used as intended.
- 43. Product Liability Defendants had a duty to hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public when designing the 2002 Jeep Liberty made the basis of this action.
- 44. Product Liability Defendants had a duty to determine if there were potential hazards to consumers that were associated with the foreseeable uses of its products. Moreover, Product Liability Defendants had a duty to correct and warn of known hazards that were associated with the foreseeable uses of its products.

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45. The defective and dangerous condition of the 2002 Jeep Liberty and its

restraint system was a proximate cause of the injuries to Sue Ann Graham and Jordon

Graham, and renders said Product Liability Defendants liable to the Plaintiffs.

46. Product Liability Defendants negligently failed to complete an adequate

hazard analysis and risk assessment of the 2002 Jeep Liberty and its restraint system for

potential occupant harm in a foreseeable rollover event.

47. The defective condition of the Jeep Liberty as it relates to said issues has

been known by the Product Liability Defendants for some time. Moreover, the defective

condition of the Jeep Liberty was known by Chrysler and/or former Chrysler companies

absorbed by FCA, and that knowledge transferred to FCA. Despite such knowledge, FCA

took no action to warn, recall or otherwise eliminate the defective condition.

48. As a proximate result, the aforesaid wrongful and negligent conduct of each

of the Product Liability Defendants, Sue Ann Graham suffered catastrophic injuries that

resulted in her death, and Jordon Graham was injured physically, mentally and emotionally.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against each of the Defendants for

damages in the following manner:

• As to all Defendants as pertaining to Sue Ann Graham, All damages

allowable under Alabama's Wrongful Death Act for the death of Sue Ann

Graham as determined by a jury in an amount in excess of the jurisdiction

requirements of this Court, together with interest from the date of injury,

and the costs of this proceeding.

As to Chrysler as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory damages

recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama for the injuries sustained by

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Jordan Graham as determined by a jury; interest from the date of injury; the cost of this proceeding; and any further non-punitive relief that's a jury shall determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.

- As to FCA as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory damages recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama for the injuries sustained by Jordan Graham as determined by a jury; punitive damages for FCA's post-bankruptcy sale conduct, transactions, actions, or failures to act which caused the chain of events and injuries giving rise to this action; interest from the date of the injury, the cost of this proceeding, and any further relief that a jury shall determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.
- As to all remaining Product Liability Defendants as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory and punitive damages recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama, including interest from the date of injury; the cost of this proceeding; and any further relief that a jury shall determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.

COUNT FOUR

(Wantonness)

- 49. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 48 above as if set out here in full.
- 50. At the aforesaid time and place, and for some time prior thereto, the Product Liability Defendants, as well as the fictitious party defendants, were engaged in the business of and undertook a duty in designing, manufacturing, distributing, marketing, inspecting, testing and/or selling the restraint system in the 2002 Jeep Liberty throughout

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the United States, including the State of Alabama. Prior to the wreck made the basis of this action, the Product Liability Defendants, for valuable consideration, designed, manufactured, distributed, marketed, inspected and/or sold the Jeep Liberty and its restraint system made the basis of this suit, which caused, in part or in whole, the Plaintiffs' injuries. At the time Sue Ann Graham was killed and Jordan Graham was injured, they were using the vehicle and the vehicle's restraint systems in a manner that was foreseeable, but the vehicle and its restraint system were defective and unreasonably dangerous in design, manufacture, warnings and/or marketing, to the human body because they were not crashworthy.

- 51. The Product Liability Defendants, wantonly designed, manufactured, distributed, marketed, failed to warn or adequately warn, inspect, and/or sold the subject vehicle and/or restraint systems. Such conduct caused the 2002 Jeep Liberty to be defective and unreasonably dangerous when used as intended.
- 52. The defective condition of the 2002 Jeep Liberty and its restraint system made the basis of this suit was a proximate cause of Plaintiffs' injuries and renders said Product Liability Defendants liable.
- 53. The Product Liability Defendants had a duty to hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public when designing the 2002 Jeep Liberty and its restraint system made the subject of this action.
- 54. The Product Liability Defendants had a duty to determine if there were potential hazards to consumers that were associated with the foreseeable uses of their products. Moreover, Product Liability Defendants had a duty to correct and warn of known hazards that were associated with the foreseeable uses of its products

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55. The Product Liability Defendants failed to complete an adequate hazard

analysis and risk assessment of the 2002 Jeep Liberty and restraint system for potential

occupant harm in foreseeable driving events, including rollover events and other car

accidents.

56. The defective condition of the Jeep Liberty as it relates to said issues has

been known by the Product Liability Defendants for some time. Moreover, the defective

condition of the subject vehicle was known by Chrysler and/or former Chrysler companies

absorbed by FCA, and that knowledge transferred to FCA. Despite such knowledge, FCA

wantonly failed to warn, recall or otherwise eliminate the defective condition.

57. Defendant Carrington, including the fictitious party defendants, wantonly

operated his vehicle so as to cause the 2002 Jeep Liberty to lose control and overturn.

58. Defendant Carrington operated his vehicle in an unreasonable manner and

without regard to the safety of others. Defendant Carrington's wanton operation of his

vehicle was a proximate cause of the accident made the basis of this action that resulted in

the death of Sue Ann Graham and the injuries suffered by Jordan Graham.

59. As a proximate result of the aforesaid wanton conduct of the Defendants,

Sue Ann Graham suffered injuries that resulted in her death, and Jordan Graham was

injured physically, mentally and emotionally.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against each of the Defendants for

damages in the following manner:

• As to all Defendants as pertaining to Sue Ann Graham, All damages

allowable under Alabama's Wrongful Death Act for the death of Sue Ann

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requirements of this Court, together with interest from the date of injury, and the costs of this proceeding.

- As to Chrysler as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory damages
 recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama for the injuries sustained by
 Jordan Graham as determined by a jury; interest from the date of injury; the
 cost of this proceeding; and any further non-punitive relief that a jury shall
 determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.
- As to FCA as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory damages recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama for the injuries sustained by Jordan Graham as determined by a jury; punitive damages for FCA's post-sale conduct, transactions, actions, or failures to act which caused the chain of events and injuries giving rise to this action; interest from the date of the injury, the cost of this proceeding, and any further relief that a jury shall determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of Alabama.
- As to all remaining Product Liability Defendants, Defendant Carrington and
 Fictitious Defendants as related to Jordan Graham, all compensatory and
 punitive damages recoverable pursuant to the laws of Alabama, including
 interest from the date of injury; the cost of this proceeding; and any further
 relief that a jury shall determine as appropriate pursuant to the laws of
 Alabama.

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY STRUCK JURY

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

* CASE NO:

Plaintiff, * JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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VS.

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CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.; * FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS * **OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW** AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP., f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC; TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC; TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW **AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.:** and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1" through "13"

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT CHRYSLER GROUP LLC

Plaintiff in the above-styled action propounds these discovery requests upon Defendant Chrysler Group LLC., and requests that they be answered fully in writing and under oath within the time provided by the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*. Each request is addressed to the knowledge and information of Defendant's attorneys, investigators, agents, employees, and other representatives. When a question is directed to Defendant, the question is also directed to the aforementioned persons.

These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the persons or entities to whom these requests are addressed obtain further information between the time the initial answers are served and the time of trial.

INTERROGATORIES

- 1. Identify the person(s) answering and/or assisting in answering these interrogatories. As part of your response, please include the name, address, title and duties of the person(s) identified.
- 2. If this Defendant's name is not correctly stated in the Complaint on file in this case, state the correct way this Defendant should have been designated as a party defendant in a lawsuit at the time of the occurrence made the basis of the lawsuit and at the time these interrogatories were answered.
- 3. State the general corporate history of this Defendant from the date of incorporation to the present. This should include, but not be limited to, the state of incorporation, date of incorporation and the principal place of business.
- 4. Identify each and every insurer at issue in this case. This request includes the name, address and policy limits of each insurer or potential insurer of any type whatsoever that may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment or settlement which may entered in this action, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any judgment or settlement in this case.
- 5. Describe in detail this Defendant's role in the design, testing, manufacture and/or marketing of the vehicle made the basis of this action.
- 6. Identify and describe the history of the Jeep Liberty from the date the vehicle was first placed on the market up to the present date. These request includes all

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structural and component changes (including safety and/or restraint systems) to the Jeep

Liberty over the course of its life.

7. Describe in detail the history of the subject vehicle. As part of your

response, please include the date of manufacture of the subject vehicle; the date it left this

Defendant's control; who the vehicle was sold to; and the name and address of the

facility where the vehicle was manufactured.

8. Identify all persons responsible for the design or engineering of the

seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the name

and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved,

whether those persons are still employed by you, and if not, when they ceased

employment with this Defendant.

9. Identify all persons responsible for the design or engineering of the roof

structure in any way for the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the

name and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved;

their role and responsibilities as it relates to the subject vehicle; whether those persons are

still employed by you and if not, when they ceased employment with this Defendant.

10. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat

belt buckle system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response,

please identify the manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-

referenced seat belt and/or seat belt buckle system(s).

11. Identify and describe in detail any and all testing conducted on any model

liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, any testing (including any and all

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litigation testing previously produced) concerning the seat belt system and roof structures in any model Jeep Liberty.

12. Identify all lay witnesses who have personal knowledge about the facts of this case (e.g., subject accident; design, marketing, engineering, manufacturing, testing, prototype work, marketing and distribution of the subject vehicle), including all of the

issues and facts discussed in the Plaintiff's complaint. As part of your response, please

include the full name, address, telephone numbers, and a summary of facts / information

known by each witness.

13. Identify and describe in detail all persons that you expect to call as an

expert witness at the trial of this case. As part of your response, please provide the

proposed expert's full name, address, telephone number, background, experience,

qualifications and the proposed expert's subject matter of expected testimony, the

substance of the facts and opinions which the expert is expected to testify, and a summary

of the basis for each opinion.

14. Identify and describe all complaints received by this Defendant prior to

the subject wreck of any accident or incident resulting in personal injury, death or

personal damage which allegedly resulted from the failure of the seat belt systems to

retain an occupant in any way during a rollover and/or lack of adequate strength in the

roof of the Jeep Liberty. As part of your response, please include the name of any cases

known to you, the court in which it was filed, the name of the person making the

complaint, and/or his/her attorney.

15. Identify and describe whether this Defendant has ever received any

complaint from any government or safety agency related to the seat belt system or roof

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structure for a Jeep Liberty type vehicle (including in this case). As part of your response, please provide the following:

a. The date the complaint or inquiry was received;

b. A detailed description of the complaint or inquiry;

c. A detailed description of any action that was requested on the part of this

Defendant by the government;

d. The source of the complaint or inquiry.

16. Please identify and describe in detail any and all changes to the roof

structure of the Jeep Liberty over its history since it was first introduced into the

marketplace. This request includes any changes in design, materials or manufacturing for

the roof components, including the A, B, C or D pillars.

17. Identify and describe any and all standards for seat belt or roof

performance utilized for the design and/or development of the seat belt system(s) and/or

roof of all Jeep Liberty models (including the subject vehicle). This Request includes all

government, company, internal, industry or experimental standards, whether past, current

or proposed, utilized by you.

18. Please describe any and all finite element analysis performed on any Jeep

Liberty model seat belt system or roof structure (including the subject vehicle made the

basis of this suit). As part of your response, explain identify all persons that performed

the analysis, the purpose of such analysis, the software used to conduct the analysis, and

the results of the analysis.

19. To the extent this Defendant contends any changes or modifications of the

subject vehicle caused or contributed to the Plaintiffs' injuries, please identify any such

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changes or modifications, and describe in detail the basis for your contention they caused or contributed to the Plaintiff's injuries.

- 20. To the extent this Defendant collects and/or documents customer / consumer comments and/or complaints regarding its products (including specifically the Jeep Liberty), please explain this information in detail. As part of your response, please provide the following:
 - a. The name of the department that handles such comments / complaints regarding products;
 - The location of the department that handles such comments/complaints regarding products;
 - c. The procedure for documenting the comments/complaints;
 - d. The location where this information is stored; and
 - e. The name of the person in charge of this department.
- 21. Identify all persons that were either contacted to assist or who did assist, in in the answering of these interrogatories, including any person that assisted with the description or property designation of each book, record or document which was searched in answering these interrogatories. As part of your response, please provide the name, address and job title of each person who was contacted or who provided assistance.
- 22. List specifically, and in exact detail and distinguish each and every change whether mechanical or design-oriented, as it relates to the passenger restraint system of the Jeep Liberty (including the seat belt system(s) within the Jeep Liberty) since the date of its original manufacture.

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23. Identify and describe any and all recalls affecting Jeep Liberty vehicles. Include in your response the year and nature of the recall, as well as the make, model and year of the vehicle(s) affected by the recall.

24. Identify and describe in detail whether any Jeep Liberty testing information or vehicle design documents related to the passenger restraint system and/or vehicle roof structure have ever been destroyed, whether accidentally or in the usual course of business. Please include in your answer a list of documents and/or tests that were destroyed, a summary of the contents of each document, and how and why each document was destroyed.

25. Identify and describe the name(s) of all databases that contain information related to the design, manufacture, testing, inspection, and/or review of the Jeep Liberty. This Request includes, but is not limited to, all "white paper" databases, consumer complaint databases, and databases containing information provided to or received from NHTSA by this Defendant's OGC.

- 26. Identify the name(s) of the person(s) most knowledgeable about this Defendant's electronic databases. As part of your Response, please include the person(s)'s name, address, job title, the names of all electronic databases the person(s) is familiar with, and a summary of the person(s)'s knowledge concerning the database(s) they are familiar with.
- 27. Identify all this Defendant's employees who performed any engineering, testing, inspection or design work on the subject Jeep Liberty model at any time, including the seat belt restraint system(s) and concerning the subject vehicle's roof. As part of responding to this Request, please provide the names, addresses, telephone

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numbers, job titles, a description of the work performed, and whether FCA US, LLC retained their services after bankruptcy proceedings in 2009.

28. Provide a listing of all internal manuals that assist in the reading of

information from this Defendant's internal databases.

29. Identify and describe all vehicle make and models that you are aware of

that utilize the same or substantially the same seat belt restraint system(s) as the subject

2002 Jeep Liberty.

30. Identify and describe all vehicle make and models you are aware of that

utilize the same or substantially the same roof structure design as the subject 2002 Jeep

Liberty.

31. Identify and describe each and every entity that was responsible, whether

in whole or in part (which would include providing design, manufacture, assembly,

installation, inspection, testing, etc.), for the passenger restraint system (including seat

belt systems for each passenger seat) in the 2002 Jeep Liberty. As part of your response,

please identify the name, address of the person(s) and/or entities responsible, as well as a

detailed description of the specific work undertaken by each of the person(s) or entities so

responsible.

32. Identify and describe each and every entity that was responsible, whether

in whole or in part (which would include providing design, manufacture, assembly,

installation, inspection, testing, etc.), for the roof structure (including support of the roof

structure in the event of a rollover) of the 2002 Jeep Liberty. As part of your response,

please identify the name, address of the person(s) and/or entities responsible, as well as a

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detailed description of the specific work undertaken by each of the person(s) or entities so responsible.

33. Identify all individuals or entities that performed or shared in any responsibility as it relates to any work undertaken on the 2002 Jeep Liberty model line. In responding to this request, please include the name of the person and/or entities employed or retained by you; the time period(s) employed by you; the position(s) held; a listing of their responsibilities; a detailed description of the work they performed for you; and the last known address of the individual(s) or entities. "Work" insofar as this request is concerned includes, but is not limited to, the design, manufacture, assembly, installation, modification, inspection, testing, accident investigation, selection of materials and/or components for, governmental compliance, and marketing of the 2002 Jeep Liberty model line.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

- 1. Produce any and all product literature distributed, printed or circulated by this Defendant, and which contain photographs, diagrams, descriptions or analysis of the 2002 Jeep Liberty. This Request includes all brochures, advertisements, white papers, marketing materials and information packets associated with the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 2. Produce any and all documents or writings prepared for accompaniment with the Jeep Liberty for the five (5) years preceding the manufacture of the vehicle made the basis of this suit.
- 3. Produce any and all documents or writings prepared for accompaniment with the 2002 Jeep Liberty which you contend contained warnings of any dangers which

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users of the product may be exposed and/or containing any instructions for use. This

Request includes the Operator's Manual for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

4. Produce any and all photographs or videotapes of the subject Jeep Liberty

made the basis of this action, including any photographs or videotapes of the accident

scene or the Plaintiff's decedent.

5. Produce a full-size copy of the Body-in-White drawing for the 2002 Jeep

Liberty.

6. Produce any and all sales documents including invoices, purchase orders,

bills of lading, and shipping invoices relating to the subject Jeep Liberty made the basis

of this lawsuit.

7. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all complaints received by

you from any source wherein it was alleged that an injury or death occurred as a result of

a defective and/or failed seat belt restraint system in any of this Defendant's vehicles,

including the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

8. Produce a complete and legible copy of any complaints pertaining to

personal injury or death lawsuits currently or formerly pending against this Defendant

claiming any injury, death, or damage due to any alleged defective condition, defect in, or

problems regarding the roof and/or roof structure in any of this Defendant's vehicles,

including the of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

9. Produce any and all patents related to the seat belt design(s) held by you or

any of your employees on the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built

on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty, including copies of any patent

applications related to the passenger restraint systems.

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10. Produce any and all patents related to the roof design and/or roof support

design held by you or any of your employees on the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this

Defendant's vehicles built on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty,

including copies of any patent applications related to the passenger restraint systems.

11. Produce any and all brochures, sales lists or other documents which would

reflect optional equipment or any optional design configuration available to purchasers of

the 2002 Jeep Liberty as it relates to the any of the seats and their passenger restraint

systems.

12. Produce any and all expert reports which have been prepared in

connection with this lawsuit or the incident giving rise to this lawsuit, if the expert is

prepared to, or may, testify in this case. This request should also encompass any report

prepared by any other person which has been reviewed by any expert intended to testify

at the trial of this case.

13. Produce copies of any and all statements previously made by the Plaintiff

concerning the subject matter of this lawsuit, including any written statements signed or

otherwise adopted or approved by the Plaintiff and any stenographic, mechanical,

electrical or other type of recording or any transcription thereof made by the Plaintiff

hereto and recorded.

14. Produce any and all documents, pamphlets, brochures or operating

manuals reflecting the safety features of the 2002 Jeep Liberty front seats and passenger

restraint systems.

15. Produce a listing identifying the person(s) that were either responsible for,

or performed work (including oversight of work) for this Defendant concerning, any of

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the following work regarding the 2002 Jeep Liberty model line: any and all vehicle

design, manufacture, assembly, installation, modification, inspection, testing, accident

investigation, selection of materials and/or components for, governmental compliance,

and marketing.

16. Produce copies of any and all warnings labels, placards or other things

which accompanied the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty at the time of its sale or were affixed at

any time to said Jeep Liberty related to the passenger compartment and/or passenger

restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)).

17. Produce any and all operator's manuals and service manuals pertaining to

the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty's passenger seats and passenger restraint systems, including

a complete index to the service manual.

18. Produce copies of any and all documents, reports or other written records

pertaining to any investigation of this incident, which were generated by persons other

than this defendant.

19. Produce copies of any and all advertising or exemplar advertising,

promotional and descriptive literature for products that were substantially similar that

were designed subsequent to the time this product was placed on the market, that were

designed to improve, change, or take the place of the original product which is the subject

matter of this litigation.

20. Produce sketches, blueprints, schematics and/or drawings of the design of

the passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s) for all seats) for the 2002

Jeep Liberty and for the Jeep Liberty models preceding and subsequent to the 2002 Jeep

Liberty.

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21. Produce any and all documents, photographs or other physical evidence which will be utilized by you and offered as evidence at the trial of this case.

22. Produce any and all documents related to any investigation or hearings conducted by any governmental entity related to the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

- 23. Produce a copy of any and all recalls issued for the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty for the five years preceding the manufacture of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 24. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for documenting customer comments/complaints regarding this Defendant's products.
- 25. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for document retention for this Defendant.
- 26. Produce a copy of all customer comments/complaints concerning the 2002 Jeep Liberty line, and all other lines on the same or similar platforms (including but not limited to roof structure and restraint systems) as the 2002 Jeep Liberty line.
- 27. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all failure modes and effects analysis for the front seats and passenger restraint systems, including their component parts, on the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the five years preceding and subsequent to the 2002 model.
- 28. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all parts lists which depict parts for the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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29. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all meeting minutes,

presentations, documentation, visual aids, or any other documents or things which discuss

or depict the as-manufactured design of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat

belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the

same platform.

30. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all meeting minutes,

presentations, documentation, visual aids or any other documents or things which discuss

or depict the roof (which includes the roof support and/or roof design) of the 2002 Jeep

Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same platform.

31. Produce copies of all standards, tests, reports, published papers,

unpublished papers or treatises or other exhibits which this Defendant expects to offer

into evidence at the trial of this case.

32. Produce copies of all crash test reports, test orders, test requests, video or

films of crash tests, test set-up sheets, reports of studies on the conduct or results of crash

tests, summaries, photographs or reviews or engineering analysis of any crash tests, test

incident reports and project files generated by or for this Defendant of any crash testing

of the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same or similar

vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty, including: all frontal, side and rear impact and

rollover tests; all tests of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s),

and all tests of the roof strength and/or roof support system.

33. Please produce legible copies of any internal design or performance goals

related to the 2002 Jeep Liberty and vehicles built on the same platform as 2002 Jeep

Liberty, as it relates to the vehicles' passenger restraint system(s) (including the seat belt

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system(s)) and roof (which includes support of the roof and materials that comprise the support of the roof).

- 34. Produce any and all documents, memos, and/or tests evidencing or relating to studies conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to passenger restraint failures (including seat belt system(s) failures).
- 35. Produce any and all documents, memos, and/or tests evidencing or relating to studies and analyses conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to occupant protection from passenger restraint failures (including seat belt system(s) failures).
- 36. Produce any and all documents, memos, and/or tests evidencing or relating to studies and analyses conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to occupant protection from roof support failure and/or roof crush.
- 37. Produce copies of all sled test reports, test orders, test requests, video or films of sled tests, test set-up sheets, reports of studies on the conduct or results of sled tests, summaries or reviews or engineering analysis of any sled tests, test incident reports and project files generated by or for this Defendant of any sled testing of the passenger restraint system for all seats, including their component parts, for the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 38. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all engineering drawings, blueprints, photographs, video, computer files, notes, memorandum, and/or studies for the 2002 Jeep Liberty that would show:
 - a. any passenger restraint system design change or engineering change;

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b. any <u>proposed</u> front seat or passenger restraint system design or engineering

change.

39. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all engineering

drawings, blueprints, photographs, video, computer files, notes, memorandum, and/or

studies for any prototype of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

40. Please produce a complete and legible list or roster of all individuals,

including name and address, who were involved in the design of the passenger restraint

system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

41. Please produce a complete and legible list or roster of all individuals,

including name and address, who were involved in the design of the roof (including the

roof support system and any components comprising the roof support system) for the

2002 Jeep Liberty.

42. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all minutes,

memoranda, talking points of meetings, correspondence concerning topics discussed, or

other documents referencing said meetings, wherein engineers, directors, officers or

employees of this Defendant discussed the possibility of a passenger restraint system failure

and/or seat belt spool out due to any defect or potential defect in the passenger restraint

system(s) on any of the passenger seats of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

43. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all minutes,

memoranda, talking points of meetings, correspondence concerning topics discussed, or

other documents referencing said meetings, wherein engineers, directors, officers or

employees of this Defendant discussed the possibility of a roof support and/or roof failure

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and/or roof crush into the passenger compartment due to any defect or potential defect in the roof and/or roof support of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

- 44. Produce any and all hazard analyses and/or any and all analyses performed by you to assess potential hazards to passengers riding in or operating the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 45. Produce any and all documents evidencing your efforts to either eliminate or safeguard against potential hazards to passengers riding in or operating the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 46. Produce documents that itemize this Defendant's cost for each individual component of the 2002 Jeep Liberty's passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s)).
- 47. Produce documents that itemize this Defendant's cost for each individual component of the 2002 Jeep Liberty's roof design (including the support structure of the roof and all component parts that comprise the roof support structure).
- 48. Produce all correspondences concerning the selection of the restraint systems (including the seat belt system(s)) contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 49. Produce all correspondences concerning the selection and design of the roof (including the roof support system and any components comprising the roof support system) of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 50. Produce a listing of all individuals or entities that performed or shared in any responsibility as it relates to any work undertaken on the 2002 Jeep Liberty model line. In responding to this request, please include the name of the person and/or entities employed or retained by you; the time period(s) employed by you; the position(s) held; a listing of their responsibilities; a detailed description of the work they performed for you; and the last

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TO BE SERVED WITH THE COMPLAINT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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10. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat

belt buckle system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response,

please identify the manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-

referenced seat belt and/or seat belt buckle system(s).

11. Identify and describe in detail any and all testing conducted on any model

Liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, any testing (including any and all

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litigation testing previously produced) concerning the seat belt system and roof structures

in any model Jeep Liberty.

12. Identify all lay witnesses who have personal knowledge about the facts of

this case (e.g., subject accident; design, marketing, engineering, manufacturing, testing,

prototype work, marketing and distribution of the subject vehicle), including all of the

issues and facts discussed in the Plaintiffs' complaint. As part of your response, please

include the full name, address, telephone numbers, and a summary of facts / information

known by each witness.

13. Identify and describe in detail all persons that you expect to call as an

expert witness at the trial of this case. As part of your response, please provide the

proposed expert's full name, address, telephone number, background, experience,

qualifications and the proposed expert's subject matter of expected testimony, the

substance of the facts and opinions which the expert is expected to testify, and a summary

of the basis for each opinion.

14. Identify and describe all complaints received by this Defendant prior to

the subject wreck of any accident or incident resulting in personal injury, death or

personal damage which allegedly resulted from the failure of the seat belt systems to

retain an occupant in any way during a rollover and/or lack of adequate strength in the

roof of the Jeep Liberty. As part of your response, please include the name of any cases

known to you, the court in which they were filed, the name of the person making the

complaint, and/or his/her attorney.

15. Identify and describe whether this Defendant has ever received any

complaint from any government or safety agency related to the seat belt system or roof

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structure for a Jeep Liberty vehicle (including in this case). As part of your response, please provide the following:

- a. The date the complaint or inquiry was received;
- b. A detailed description of the complaint or inquiry;
- c. A detailed description of any action that was requested on the part of this Defendant by the government;
- d. The source of the complaint or inquiry.
- 16. Please identify and describe in detail any and all changes to the roof structure of the Jeep Liberty over its history since it was first introduced into the marketplace. This request includes any changes in design, materials or manufacturing for the roof components, including the A, B, C or D pillars.
- 17. Identify and describe any and all standards for seat belt or roof performance utilized for the design and/or development of the seat belt system(s) and/or roof of all Jeep Liberty models (including the subject vehicle). This Request includes all government, company, internal, industry or experimental standards, whether past, current or proposed, utilized by you.
- 18. Please describe any and all finite element analysis performed on any Jeep Liberty model seat belt system or roof structure (including the subject vehicle made the basis of this suit). As part of your response, explain identify all persons that performed the analysis, the purpose of such analysis, the software used to conduct the analysis, and the results of the analysis.
- 19. To the extent this Defendant contends any changes or modifications of the subject vehicle caused or contributed to the Plaintiffs' injuries, please identify any such

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changes or modifications, and describe in detail the basis for your contention they caused or contributed to the Plaintiff's injuries.

20. To the extent this Defendant collects and/or documents customer / consumer comments and/or complaints regarding its products (including specifically the Jeep Liberty), please explain this information in detail. As part of your response, please

provide the following:

a. The name of the department that handles such comments / complaints

regarding products;

b. The location of the department that handles such comments/complaints

regarding products;

c. The procedure for documenting the comments/complaints;

d. The location where this information is stored; and

e. The name of the person in charge of this department.

21. Identify all persons that were either contacted to assist or who did assist, in

in the answering of these interrogatories, including any person that assisted with the

description or property designation of each book, record or document which was

searched in answering these interrogatories. As part of your response, please provide the

name, address and job title of each person who was contacted or who provided assistance.

22. List specifically, and in exact detail and distinguish each and every change

whether mechanical or design-oriented, as it relates to the passenger restraint system of

the Jeep Liberty (including the seat belt system(s) within the Jeep Liberty) since the date

of its original manufacture.

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23. Identify and describe any and all recalls affecting Jeep Liberty vehicles. Include in your response the year and nature of the recall, as well as the make, model and year of the vehicle(s) affected by the recall.

24. Identify and describe in detail whether any Jeep Liberty testing information or vehicle design documents related to the passenger restraint system and/or vehicle roof structure have ever been destroyed, whether accidentally or in the usual course of business. Please include in your answer a list of documents and/or tests that were destroyed, a summary of the contents of each document, and how and why each document was destroyed.

- 25. Identify and describe the name(s) of all databases that contain information related to the design, manufacture, testing, inspection, and/or review of the Jeep Liberty. This Request includes, but is not limited to, all "white paper" databases, consumer complaint databases, and databases containing information provided to or received from NHTSA by this Defendant's OGC.
- 26. Identify the name(s) of the person(s) most knowledgeable about this Defendant's electronic databases. As part of your Response, please include the person(s)'s name, address, job title, the names of all electronic databases the person(s) is familiar with, and a summary of the person(s)'s knowledge concerning the database(s) they are familiar with.
- 27. Identify all this Defendant's employees who performed any engineering, testing, inspection or design work on the subject Jeep Liberty model at any time, including the seat belt restraint system(s) and concerning the subject vehicle's roof. As part of responding to this Request, please provide the names, addresses, telephone

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numbers, job titles, a description of the work performed, and whether FCA US, LLC retained their services after bankruptcy proceedings in 2009.

28. Provide a listing of all internal manuals that assist in the reading of information from this Defendant's internal databases.

29. Identify and describe all vehicle make and models that you are aware of that utilize the same or substantially the same seat belt restraint system(s) as the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.

30. Identify and describe all vehicle make and models you are aware of that utilize the same or substantially the same roof structure design as the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.

- 31. Identify and describe each and every entity that was responsible, whether in whole or in part (which would include providing design, manufacture, assembly, installation, inspection, testing, etc.), for the passenger restraint system (including seat belt systems for each passenger seat) in the 2002 Jeep Liberty. As part of your response, please identify the name, address of the person(s) and/or entities responsible, as well as a detailed description of the specific work undertaken by each of the person(s) or entities so responsible.
- 32. Identify and describe each and every entity that was responsible, whether in whole or in part (which would include providing design, manufacture, assembly, installation, inspection, testing, etc.), for the roof structure (including support of the roof structure in the event of a rollover) of the 2002 Jeep Liberty. As part of your response, please identify the name, address of the person(s) and/or entities responsible, whether

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they are or were previously employed by you, as well as a detailed description of the specific work undertaken by each of the person(s) or entities so responsible.

33. To the extent you have employed or retained any individuals or entities that performed or shared in any responsibility as it relates to any work undertaken on the 2002 Jeep Liberty model line, please identify those individuals. In responding to this request, please include the name of the person and/or entities employed or retained by you; the time period(s) employed by you; the position(s) held; a listing of their responsibilities; a detailed description of the work they performed for you; and the last known address of the individual(s) or entities. "Work" insofar as this request is concerned includes, but is not limited to, the design, manufacture, assembly, installation, modification, inspection, testing, accident investigation, selection of materials and/or components for, governmental compliance, and marketing of the 2002 Jeep Liberty model line.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

- 1. Produce all documents (test, studies, etc.) referenced in your responses to the Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories.
- 2. Produce any and all product literature distributed, printed or circulated by this Defendant, and which contain photographs, diagrams, descriptions or analysis of the 2002 Jeep Liberty. This Request includes all brochures, advertisements, white papers, marketing materials and information packets associated with the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 3. Produce any and all documents or writings prepared for accompaniment with the Jeep Liberty for the five (5) years preceding and subsequent to the manufacture of the vehicle made the basis of this suit.

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4. Produce any and all documents or writings prepared for accompaniment

with the 2002 Jeep Liberty which you contend contained warnings of any dangers which

users of the product may be exposed and/or containing any instructions for use. This

Request includes the Operator's Manual for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

5. Produce any and all photographs or videotapes of the subject Jeep Liberty

made the basis of this action, including any photographs or videotapes of the accident

scene or the Plaintiff's decedent.

6. Produce a full-size copy of the Body-in-White drawing for the 2002 Jeep

Liberty.

7. Produce any and all sales documents including invoices, purchase orders,

bills of lading, and shipping invoices relating to the subject Jeep Liberty made the basis

of this lawsuit.

8. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all complaints received by

you from any source wherein it was alleged that an injury or death occurred as a result of

a defective and/or failed seat belt restraint system in any of this Defendant's vehicles,

including the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

9. Produce a complete and legible copy of any complaints pertaining to

personal injury or death lawsuits currently or formerly pending against this Defendant

claiming any injury, death, or damage due to any alleged defective condition, defect in, or

problems regarding the roof and/or roof structure in any of this Defendant's vehicles,

including the of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

10. Produce any and all patents related to the seat belt design(s) held by you or

any of your employees on the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built

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on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty, including copies of any patent applications related to the passenger restraint systems.

- 11. Produce any and all patents related to the roof design and/or roof support design held by you or any of your employees on the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty, including copies of any patent applications related to the passenger restraint systems.
- 12. Produce any and all brochures, sales lists or other documents which would reflect optional equipment or any optional design configuration available to purchasers of the 2002 Jeep Liberty as it relates to the any of the seats and their passenger restraint systems.
- 13. Produce any and all expert reports which have been prepared in connection with this lawsuit or the incident giving rise to this lawsuit, if the expert is prepared to, or may, testify in this case. This request should also encompass any report prepared by any other person which has been reviewed by any expert intended to testify at the trial of this case.
- 14. Produce copies of any and all statements previously made by the Plaintiffs concerning the subject matter of this lawsuit, including any written statements signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the Plaintiffs and any stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other type of recording or any transcription thereof made by the Plaintiffs hereto and recorded.
- 15. Produce any and all documents, pamphlets, brochures or operating manuals reflecting the safety features of the 2002 Jeep Liberty front seats and passenger restraint systems.

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16. Produce a listing identifying the person(s) that were either responsible for,

or performed work (including oversight of work) for this Defendant concerning, any of

the following work regarding the 2002 Jeep Liberty model line: any and all vehicle

design, manufacture, assembly, installation, modification, inspection, testing, accident

investigation, selection of materials and/or components for, governmental compliance,

and marketing.

17. Produce copies of any and all warnings labels, placards or other things

which accompanied the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty at the time of its sale or were affixed at

any time to said Jeep Liberty related to the passenger compartment and/or passenger

restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)).

18. Produce any and all operator's manuals and service manuals pertaining to

the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty's passenger seats and passenger restraint systems, including

a complete index to the service manual.

19. Produce copies of any and all documents, reports or other written records

pertaining to any investigation of this incident, which were generated by persons other

than this defendant.

20. Produce copies of any and all advertising or exemplar advertising,

promotional and descriptive literature for products that were substantially similar that

were designed subsequent to the time this product was placed on the market, that were

designed to improve, change, or take the place of the original product which is the subject

matter of this litigation.

21. Produce sketches, blueprints, schematics and/or drawings of the design of

the passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s) for all seats) for the 2002

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Jeep Liberty and for the Jeep Liberty models preceding and subsequent to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

- 22. Produce any and all documents, photographs or other physical evidence which will be utilized by you and offered as evidence at the trial of this case.
- 23. Produce any and all documents related to any investigation or hearings conducted by any governmental entity related to the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 24. Produce a copy of any and all recalls issued for the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty for the five years preceding the manufacture of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 25. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for documenting customer comments/complaints regarding this Defendant's products.
- 26. Produce a copy of all customer comments/complaints concerning the 2002 Jeep Liberty line, and all other lines on the same or similar platforms (including but not limited to roof structure and restraint systems) as the 2002 Jeep Liberty line.
- 27. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for document retention for this Defendant.
- 28. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all failure modes and effects analysis for the front seats and passenger restraint systems, including their component parts, on the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the five years preceding and subsequent to the 2002 model.

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29. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all parts lists which depict

parts for the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002

Jeep Liberty.

30. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all meeting minutes,

presentations, documentation, visual aids, or any other documents or things which discuss

or depict the as-manufactured design of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat

belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the

same platform.

31. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all meeting minutes,

presentations, documentation, visual aids or any other documents or things which discuss

or depict the roof (which includes the roof support and/or roof design) of the 2002 Jeep

Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same platform.

32. Produce copies of all standards, tests, reports, published papers,

unpublished papers or treatises or other exhibits which this Defendant expects to offer

into evidence at the trial of this case.

33. Produce copies of all crash test reports, test orders, test requests, video or

films of crash tests, test set-up sheets, reports of studies on the conduct or results of crash

tests, summaries, photographs or reviews or engineering analysis of any crash tests, test

incident reports and project files generated by or for this Defendant of any crash testing

of the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same or similar

vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep Liberty, including: all frontal, side and rear impact and

rollover tests; all tests of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s),

and all tests of the roof strength and/or roof support system.

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34. Please produce legible copies of any internal design or performance goals

related to the 2002 Jeep Liberty and vehicles built on the same platform as the 2002 Jeep

Liberty, as it relates to the vehicles' passenger restraint system(s) (including the seat belt

system(s)) and roof (which includes support of the roof and materials that comprise the

support of the roof).

35. Produce any and all documents, memos, and/or tests evidencing or relating

to studies conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to passenger restraint

failures (including seat belt system(s) failures).

36. Produce any and all documents, memos, and/or tests evidencing or relating

to studies and analyses conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to occupant

protection from passenger restraint failures (including seat belt system(s) failures).

37. Produce any and all documents, memos, and/or tests evidencing or relating

to studies and analyses conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to occupant

protection from roof support failure and/or roof crush.

38. Produce copies of all sled test reports, test orders, test requests, video or

films of sled tests, test set-up sheets, reports of studies on the conduct or results of sled

tests, summaries or reviews or engineering analysis of any sled tests, test incident reports

and project files generated by or for this Defendant of any sled testing of the passenger

restraint system for all seats, including their component parts, for the 2002 Jeep Liberty

or any of this Defendant's vehicles built on the same vehicle platform as the 2002 Jeep

Liberty.

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39. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all engineering

drawings, blueprints, photographs, video, computer files, notes, memorandum, and/or

studies for the 2002 Jeep Liberty that would show:

a. any passenger restraint system design change or engineering change;

b. any proposed front seat or passenger restraint system design or engineering

change.

40. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all minutes,

memoranda, talking points of meetings, correspondence concerning topics discussed, or

other documents referencing said meetings, wherein engineers, directors, officers or

employees of this Defendant discussed the possibility of a passenger restraint system failure

and/or seat belt spool out due to any defect or potential defect in the passenger restraint

system(s) on any of the passenger seats of the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

41. Produce any and all hazard analyses and/or any and all analyses performed

by you to assess potential hazards to passengers riding in or operating the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

42. Produce documents that itemize this Defendant's cost for each individual

component of the 2002 Jeep Liberty's passenger restraint system (including the seat belt

system(s)), as well as any alternative passenger restraint system available at the time the

2002 Jeep Liberty's restraint system was utilized.

43. Produce documents that itemize this Defendant's cost for each individual

component of the 2002 Jeep Liberty's roof design (including the support structure of the

roof and all component parts that comprise the roof support structure), as well as any

alternative roof design available at the time the 2002 Jeep Liberty's roof design was utilized.

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44. Produce all correspondences concerning the selection of the restraint systems (including the seat belt system(s)) contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

/s/J. Parker Miller
J. Parker Miller (MIL138)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR **JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

CASE NO:

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Plaintiff, JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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VS.

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.; * FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS * * **OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW** AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP., f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC; TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC; TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW **AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.:** and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1" through "13"

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT RODERICUS OBRYAN CARRINGTON

Plaintiff in the above-styled action propounds these discovery requests upon Defendant Rodericus Obryan Carrington, and requests that they be answered fully in writing and under oath within the time provided by the Alabama Rules of Civil *Procedure.* Each request is addressed to the knowledge and information of Defendant's attorneys, investigators, agents, employees, and other representatives. When a question is directed to Defendant, the question is also directed to the aforementioned persons.

These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the persons or entities to whom these requests are addressed obtain further information between the time the initial answers are served and the time of trial.

INTERROGATORIES

- 1. Please identify yourself. Identification includes your full name and any names you have had in the past (including nicknames and aliases); your social security number; and your date and place of birth.
- 2. Please identify your places of residence. This request includes your current and previous addresses, the respective dates of residence at each address, who lived with you at each address, and your relationship to the individuals you lived with at each address.
- 3. Please state the name of all liability insurance carriers that covered you and/or the subject vehicle, including primary, umbrella and/or excess liability coverage, on the date of the collision.
- 4. Please state the amount of coverage under each and every liability insurance policy, including all excess and umbrella liability coverage, which covered you and/or the subject vehicle on the date of this collision. For each carrier, please state the following:
 - a. The policy limits on each such policy.
 - b. The name of the insured of each such policy.
- 5. Beginning with your present employer or any other person, firm, corporation, or other entity for whom you work, please describe your work history. To

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fully respond to this request, please provide the following for each and every place of employment or other job you have ever worked:

- a. The name, address, and phone number;
- b. The dates of your employment or periods of the time you worked there
- c. A description of your job title and duties;
- d. The wage per hour, salary, benefits, or other amount of compensation you received; and
- e. The reason for the termination of your employment relationship.
- 6. Please provide a summary of your educational background. This request includes what school or schools you attended, dates of attendance, degrees obtained, and any areas of specialization.
- 7. Please provide and describe in detail, in your own words, how the June 10, 2016 accident referenced in the Complaint occurred in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 8. Describe in detail the purpose of the trip you were making at the time of the June 10, 2016 accident in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 9. Describe in detail your activities the day of June 10, 2016 leading up to the accident. This request includes
 - a. any locations, business establishments, or events you visited;
 - b. the purpose of those visits;
 - c. the duration of those visits; and
 - d. a description of what you were doing during those visits.

- 10. Describe in detail each and everything done by you or any other drivers or passengers in the June 10, 2016 accident, which you contend caused or contributed in any way to the accident.
- 11. Please provide information concerning your cellular provider at the time of the June 10, 2016 accident. This request includes your cell phone number, your cellular provider's name and your customer account number.
- 12. To the extent you currently have or have had in the past any social media accounts, please identify those social media providers. This request includes the names of those social media providers, your username and password.
- 13. From June 9, 2016 until the time of the accident on June 10, 2016, please describe your consumption of any alcoholic beverages. This request includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. the approximate times and dates of consumption;
 - b. the locations you consumed alcohol;
 - c. the type of alcohol consumed (beer, bourbon, wine, etc.);
 - d. the brand and make of the alcohol consumed;
 - e. by brand and make of alcohol, total quantities consumed
 - f. where these beverages were purchased
- 14. List the names and addresses of any and all witnesses that you are aware of that witnessed the June 10, 2016 accident.
- 15. Did you take any type of drugs or prescription medications within 24 hours of this collision or on the date of the collision? If so, please state the type of drugs

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or medications taken, dosage and time each was taken, state the name of the doctor who ordered the prescription medications and/or the person who gave you such drugs.

- 16. Identify any statements you have made concerning this accident. This request includes the dates and times you made any of these statements, a description of those statements, and the entities that you made the statements to.
- 17. Describe any and all previous car accidents you have been a party to. In responding to this request, please include:
 - a. Date of the accident;
 - b. Location of the accident;
 - c. Whether you were a driver or a passenger;
 - d. Whether you or the driver in your car was determined to be at fault.
 - e. A description of the accident
- 18. List each traffic violation you have ever received, all warnings you have ever received, include the offense, date of each offense, and location of violation.
- 19. Has your driver's license ever been suspended and/or revoked in the past? If so, state the date, reason and date of reinstatement.
- 20. Please state the name and address of any hospital, doctor, rehabilitation center or treatment center (whether inpatient or outpatient), that you have ever been to for treatment, rehabilitation, counseling or any other reason for use of alcohol or drugs or prescription medications or for any other controlled substance, prior to this collision.
- 21. At the time of the collision, were you under the care of any doctor, psychologist or psychiatrist, counselor or other medical provider? If so, list the name and address of each doctor or other medical provider.

22. State the name and address of each expert witness you intend to call to testify at trial, including all the opinions of each expert and the basis of each opinion.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

- 1. Produce any and all statements that you have made concerning the accident occurring on June 10, 2016 in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 2. Produce a certified copy of any and all liability insurance policies, including all umbrella and excess policies, which covered you and/or the subject vehicle on the date of this incident, including the declaration sheet of each said policy.
- 3. Produce a color copy of any and all photographs and/or videos of the scene of the June 10, 2016 accident, including all pictures of any vehicles involved in the accident.
- 4. State the name, address and provide a current curriculum vitae for each and every expert witness you anticipate calling to the trial of this action and for each expert provide the following:
 - a. A copy of each and every document relied upon by each expert.
 - b. A copy of each and every report prepared by each expert.
 - c. A copy of each and every document provided to each expert.
 - d. A summary of each opinion which each expert intends to offer in this case.
 - e. A copy of each and every document which forms or supports the basis of each expert's opinions.
 - 5. Produce a color copy of your current driver's license.
- 6. Produce a copy of any statements given by any person at the scene of the June 10, 2016 accident.
- 7. Produce a copy of any statements of any and all witnesses that were in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

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- 8. Produce a copy of your cell phone records for June 10, 2016.
- 9. Produce a copy of any statements, correspondences, emails, social media messages, texts or discussions you have had with any Defendants listed on the complaint.

/s/J. Parker Miller
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

CASE NO:

Plaintiff, * JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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vs.

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.;

FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES

US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS

OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW

AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.,

f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE,

INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC;

TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS,

INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC;
TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF
FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW
AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.;
and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1"
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through "13"

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT TRW AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP., f/k/a TRW, INC.

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INTERROGATORIES

- Identify the person(s) answering and/or assisting in answering these interrogatories.
 As part of your response, please include the name, address, title and duties of the person(s) identified.
- 2. If this Defendant's name is not correctly stated in the Complaint on file in this case, state the correct way this Defendant should have been designated as a party defendant in a lawsuit at the time of the occurrence made the basis of the lawsuit and at the time these interrogatories were answered.
- 3. State the general corporate history of this Defendant from the date of incorporation to the present. This should include, but not be limited to, the state of incorporation, date of incorporation and the principal place of business.
- 4. Identify each and every insurer at issue in this case. This request includes the name, address and policy limits of each insurer or potential insurer of any type whatsoever that may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment or settlement which may entered in this action, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any judgment or settlement in this case.
- 5. Identify and "fully describe" the seatbelt systems contained on the 2002 Jeep Liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, identification of the make and model number of each seatbelt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; identification of the component parts of each seat belt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; the total cost of each seatbelt system, as well as a breakdown of the cost by component part of each seatbelt system; the

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specifications of each seatbelt system and their component parts; the purpose of each seatbelt system; the name, acronym and part number of the various parts which make up the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle; the date(s) the seat belt systems were designed and manufactured; the locations where the seat belt systems were manufactured; and the name, address and phone number of each entity in the distribution chain.

- 6. Identify and describe in detail this Defendant's responsibilities for the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 7. Identify and describe in detail the responsibilities of all other Defendants concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 8. Identify and describe in detail the history of your involvement as related to Chrysler vehicles, including but not limited to, the Jeep Liberty line.
- 9. Identify all persons responsible for the design of the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the name and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved, whether those persons are still employed by you, and if not, when they ceased employment with this Defendant.
- Identify all release engineers for any and all of the seatbelt systems used in the 2002
 Jeep Liberty.
- 11. To the extent any of the seatbelt systems of the type utilized in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty have ever been the subject of a defect investigation or engineering analysis by NHTSA, please describe in detail those investigations and analysis. In responding to this request, please provide the date the investigation was initiated, all reasons for initiating the investigation, and the results of the investigation.

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12. Identify and describe fully any testing conducted on the seatbelt systems in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty, including substantially similar seatbelt system models, to evaluate their performance in vehicle accidents, including rollover accidents. As part of your response, please provide what testing was conducted, the dates of any such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address and phone number of the person(s) and entity (if this Defendant, the appropriate department) responsible for such testing.

- 13. Identify and describe the type of seat belt retractor(s) used in the subject vehicle's seatbelt systems by location within the vehicle. This request includes, but is not limited to, whether the retractor was dual sensitive; the performance standards for locking of the retractor; whether the retractor uses a web grabber; and whether the retractor has a pretensioner.
- 14. Identify and describe in detail any testing that was conducted on the seat belt system retractors', as well as substantially similar retractors, to evaluate the performance of the retractor in a rollover accident, including the incidence of spool-out. As part of your answer, please identify what testing was conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of any such testing, and the name, addresses and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.
- 15. Identify and describe in detail whether any of the subject vehicle's seat belt system retractors or substantially similar retractors were tested to evaluate their performance in rollovers, including the amount of pay out of webbing. As part of your answer, please include what testing was conducted, including the dates of such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.
- 16. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors from spooling out in the event of a rollover accident.

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vehicle accident, including a rollover accident.

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this Defendant to the present date, and the reason for each and every change.

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of its seat belt systems in the field to ensure they performed in a reasonably safe manner during

rollover accidents.

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to possess knowledge of this matter, including the subject vehicle, any of its component parts, the

persons involved in the accident, any witnesses to the accident, or any efforts undertaken to inspect,

test and/or photograph the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.

22. Identify and describe in detail whether any testing was conducted on the subject

vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors or substantially similar retractors to evaluate the amount of

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conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of such testing, and the name, address and phone

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23. State whether you believe Sue Ann Graham received her fatal injuries inside or

outside of the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicle.

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- 24. Identify the TRW seatbelt systems using the same or substantially similar TRW retractors which were tested (whether crash, sled or rollover tested) by or for TRW and/or Chrysler.
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- 26. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever notified Chrysler that conventional retractors can experience intermittent release of webbing during rollover accidents?
- 27. Identify each and every analysis (whether it be a test, study, computer simulation, or any other analysis) undertaken on the 2002 Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems to evaluate the seat belt systems' ability to prevent occupant ejection (whether partial or full) in a rollover accident.
- 28. Identify and describe any incidents, including but not limited to any accidents, claims or lawsuits, involving the ejection or partial ejection of an occupant in a vehicle equipped with the same or substantially similar seat belt systems as in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please provide the date of the accident / incident; the name and address of the person injured as well as their counsel, if applicable; the make, model and year of the vehicle involved in the accident / incident; and the caption and case number of the lawsuit, if one was commenced.
- 29. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat belt buckle system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please identify the manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-referenced seat belt and/or seat belt buckle system(s).
- 30. Identify and describe all information provided to any other Defendant (including Chrysler and/or FCA) concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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31. If you contend that the accident alleged in the Complaint and/or the Plaintiffs'

alleged injuries and damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty

being improperly repaired, maintained, altered, modified or serviced, please describe fully. As part

of your answer, please provide the nature and date(s) of the alleged improper repair, maintenance,

alteration, modification or service.

32. If you contend that the action, activity or failure to act of any person or entity other

than the Plaintiffs contributed to cause the accident alleged in the Complaint or Plaintiffs' alleged

injuries and damages, please describe in detail. As part of your response, please provide the name

and address of such person or entity; the specific nature of such action, activity or failure to act;

how such actions, activity or failure to act contributed to cause the incident alleged in the Plaintiffs'

alleged injuries and damages; the identity of each person with knowledge that some other person

or defendant contributed to the incident or Plaintiffs' injuries or damages.

33. Identify all persons you expect to call as an expert witness at the trial of this action.

As part of your answer, please provide the name of the expert(s) you expect to call and the subject

matter that you expect your expert(s) to testify to.

34. Identify all expert opinions that your experts will offer at the trial of this action. As

part of your answer, please provide the substance of the facts and opinions to which he or she is

expected to testify, a summary of the grounds of their opinions, all supporting literature they intend

to rely upon to form their opinions, and any and all reports and draft reports that they intend to

offer in this matter.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

1. Produce all documents (tests, studies, etc.) referenced in your responses to the

Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories.

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- 2. Produce any and all product literature distributed, printed or circulated by this Defendant, and which contain photographs, diagrams, descriptions or analysis of the seat belt systems in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty. This Request includes all brochures, advertisements, white papers, marketing materials and information packets.
- 3. Produce any and all documents or writings prepared by this Defendant for or accompanying the seat belt systems contained in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty which you contend contained warnings of any dangers which users (including engineers, manufacturers, consumers, etc.) of the product may be exposed to and/or containing any instructions for use.
- 4. Produce any and all photographs or videotapes of the subject Jeep Liberty made the basis of this action, including any photographs or videotapes of the accident scene or the Plaintiffs.
- 5. Produce any and all sales documents including invoices, purchase orders, bills of lading, and shipping invoices relating to the subject Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems made the basis of this lawsuit.
- 6. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all complaints received by you from any source wherein it was alleged that an injury or death occurred as a result of a defective and/or failed seat belt restraint system in any of the seat belt restraint systems manufactured, designed or assembled by this Defendant, including those utilized in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 7. Produce any and all patents related to the seat belt design(s) on the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt design(s), held by you or any of your employees, including copies of any patent applications related to the passenger restraint systems.

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8. Produce any and all brochures, sales lists or other documents which would reflect

optional equipment or any optional design configuration for seat belt systems available for the

2002 Jeep Liberty.

9. Produce any and all expert reports which have been prepared in connection with

this lawsuit or the incident giving rise to this lawsuit, if the expert is prepared to, or may, testify in

this case. This request should also encompass any report prepared by any other person which has

been reviewed by any expert intended to testify at the trial of this case.

10. Produce copies of any and all statements previously made by the Plaintiffs

concerning the subject matter of this lawsuit, including any written statements signed or otherwise

adopted or approved by the Plaintiffs and any stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other type of

recording or any transcription thereof made by the Plaintiffs hereto and recorded.

11. Produce copies of any and all documents, reports or other written records pertaining

to any investigation of this incident, which were generated by persons other than this defendant.

12. Produce sketches, blueprints, schematics and/or drawings of the design of the

passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s) for all seats) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty

and for the Jeep Liberty models preceding and subsequent to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

13. Produce any and all documents, photographs or other physical evidence which will

be utilized by you and offered as evidence at the trial of this case.

14. Produce any and all documents related to any investigation or hearings conducted

by any governmental entity related to the seat belt systems contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or

substantially similar seat belt systems manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.

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15. Produce a copy of any and all recalls issued for the seat belt systems contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt systems manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.

- 16. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for documenting customer comments/complaints regarding this Defendant's products.
- 17. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for document retention for this Defendant.
- 18. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all failure modes and effects analysis for the front seats and passenger restraint systems, including their component parts, on the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the five years preceding and subsequent to the 2002 model.
- 19. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all parts lists which depict parts for the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 20. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all meeting minutes, presentations, documentation, visual aids, or any other documents or things which discuss or depict the asmanufactured design of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's substantially similar seat belt system models manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.
- 21. Produce copies of all standards, tests, reports, published papers, unpublished papers or treatises or other exhibits which this Defendant expects to offer into evidence at the trial of this case.
- 22. Produce any and all documents, memos, and/or tests evidencing or relating to studies and analyses conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to occupant protection from passenger restraint failures (including seat belt system(s) failures).

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23. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all engineering drawings,

blueprints, photographs, video, computer files, notes, memorandum, and/or studies for the 2002

Jeep Liberty that would show:

a. any passenger restraint system design change or engineering change;

b. any proposed front seat or passenger restraint system design or engineering change.

24. Please produce a complete and legible list or roster of all individuals, including

name and address, who were involved in the design, manufacture or assembly of the passenger

restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

25. Produce any and all hazard analyses and/or any and all analyses performed by you to

assess potential hazards to passengers riding in or utilizing the seat belt systems utilized in the 2002

Jeep Liberty or substantially similar models manufactured, designed or assembled by you.

26. Produce any and all documents evidencing your efforts to either eliminate or

safeguard against potential hazards to passengers riding in or utilizing the seat belt systems utilized

in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar models manufactured, designed or assembled by you.

27. Produce documents that itemize this Defendant's cost for each individual component

of the 2002 Jeep Liberty's passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s)), as well as

any alternative passenger restraint system (including seat belt system) available at the time the 2002

Jeep Liberty's restraint systems were utilized.

28. Produce all correspondences between you and any third party or Defendant in this

litigation concerning the selection of the restraint systems (including the seat belt system(s)) contained

in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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- 29. Please produce all documents which identify every address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint Controller. This is often referred to as a memory map.
- 30. Please produce all documents necessary to read and interpret the data in every address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint Controller.
- 31. Please produce all documents necessary to determine the actual conditions which determine each item of data will be written to the each address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint Controller. For example: The actual measurement which would cause a deployment loop fault code to be set.
- 32. Please produce all documents which identify every device which records any data related to the performance, condition, and operation of the vehicle and any component in the vehicle. This includes but is not limited to "On Board Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors, Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.
- 33. Please produce all documents which identify the each data address in every device which records any data related to the performance, condition, and operation of the vehicle and any component in the vehicle. This includes but is not limited to "On Board Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors, Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.
- 34. Please produce all documents which are necessary to read and interpret each data address in every device which records any data related to the performance, condition, and operation of the vehicle and any component in the vehicle. This includes but is not limited to "On Board

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Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors, Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.

- 35. Please produce the Shop Manual for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Data Recorder;
 - b. On board diagnostic reading devices;
 - c. ABS systems;
 - d. Transmission systems;
 - e. Occupant Detection Systems;
 - f. Back Up Sensors;
 - g. Crash Avoidance Systems;
 - h. Power Control Modules;
 - i. Occupant Restraint Controller; and
 - j. Optional side impact inflatable curtains.
- 36. Please produce the Operators Manual for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Data Recorder retrieval instrument;
 - b. The on board diagnostic reading devices; and
 - c. Occupant Restraint Controller.
- 37. Please produce the specifications for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Sensor system and each of its subcomponents (e.g., accelerometer, arming sensors, transistors, reserve energy capacitors);
 - b. The Crash Data Recorder and each of its subcomponents;
 - c. Any data communication bus or network; and

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d. Occupant restraint controller.

38. All documents which you sent to or received from Chrysler which discuss, refer,

relate or pertain to the safety, performance, crashworthiness, virtues, qualities, characteristics,

capabilities, installment or sale of side impact airbag inflatable curtains offered as optional

equipment in the Jeep Liberty, including but not limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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relate or pertain to the safety, performance, crashworthiness, virtues, qualities, characteristics,

capabilities, installment or sale of the seat belt systems in the Jeep Liberty, including but not

limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

40. All documents generated by any person, committee, task force or team, including

minutes of any meeting where discussions were held, which discuss, reflect, pertain or relate to

the design or development of side impact airbag inflatable curtains in the Jeep Liberty, including

but not limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

/s/J. Parker Miller

J. Parker Miller (MIL138)

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TO BE SERVED WITH THE COMPLAINT

CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
ANNE-MARIE ADAMS, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

CASE NO:

Plaintiff, * JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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vs.

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.;
FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES
US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS
OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW
AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.,
f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE,
INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC;
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or any other analysis) undertaken on the 2002 Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems to evaluate the seat

belt systems' ability to prevent occupant ejection (whether partial or full) in a rollover accident.

28. Identify and describe any incidents, including but not limited to any accidents,

claims or lawsuits, involving the ejection or partial ejection of an occupant in a vehicle equipped

with the same or substantially similar seat belt systems as in the subject vehicle. As part of your

response, please provide the date of the accident / incident; the name and address of the person

injured as well as their counsel, if applicable; the make, model and year of the vehicle involved in

the accident / incident; and the caption and case number of the lawsuit, if one was commenced.

29. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat belt buckle

system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please identify the

manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-referenced seat belt and/or seat

belt buckle system(s).

30. Identify and describe all information provided to any other Defendant (including

Chrysler and/or FCA) concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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alleged injuries and damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty

being improperly repaired, maintained, altered, modified or serviced, please describe fully. As part

of your answer, please provide the nature and date(s) of the alleged improper repair, maintenance,

alteration, modification or service.

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injuries and damages, please describe in detail. As part of your response, please provide the name

and address of such person or entity; the specific nature of such action, activity or failure to act;

how such actions, activity or failure to act contributed to cause the incident alleged in the Plaintiffs'

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or defendant contributed to the incident or Plaintiffs' injuries or damages.

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As part of your answer, please provide the name of the expert(s) you expect to call and the subject

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offer in this matter.

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optional equipment or any optional design configuration for seat belt systems available for the

2002 Jeep Liberty.

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this lawsuit or the incident giving rise to this lawsuit, if the expert is prepared to, or may, testify in

this case. This request should also encompass any report prepared by any other person which has

been reviewed by any expert intended to testify at the trial of this case.

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concerning the subject matter of this lawsuit, including any written statements signed or otherwise

adopted or approved by the Plaintiffs and any stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other type of

recording or any transcription thereof made by the Plaintiffs hereto and recorded.

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to any investigation of this incident, which were generated by persons other than this defendant.

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23. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all engineering drawings,

blueprints, photographs, video, computer files, notes, memorandum, and/or studies for the 2002

Jeep Liberty that would show:

a. any passenger restraint system design change or engineering change;

b. any proposed front seat or passenger restraint system design or engineering change.

24. Please produce a complete and legible list or roster of all individuals, including

name and address, who were involved in the design, manufacture or assembly of the passenger

restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

25. Produce any and all hazard analyses and/or any and all analyses performed by you to

assess potential hazards to passengers riding in or utilizing the seat belt systems utilized in the 2002

Jeep Liberty or substantially similar models manufactured, designed or assembled by you.

26. Produce any and all documents evidencing your efforts to either eliminate or

safeguard against potential hazards to passengers riding in or utilizing the seat belt systems utilized

in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar models manufactured, designed or assembled by you.

27. Produce documents that itemize this Defendant's cost for each individual component

of the 2002 Jeep Liberty's passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s)), as well as

any alternative passenger restraint system (including seat belt system) available at the time the 2002

Jeep Liberty's restraint systems were utilized.

28. Produce all correspondences between you and any third party or Defendant in this

litigation concerning the selection of the restraint systems (including the seat belt system(s)) contained

in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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29. Please produce all documents which identify every address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint Controller. This is often referred to

as a memory map.

30. Please produce all documents necessary to read and interpret the data in every

address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint

Controller.

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determine each item of data will be written to the each address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM

in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint Controller. For example: The actual

measurement which would cause a deployment loop fault code to be set.

32. Please produce all documents which identify every device which records any data

related to the performance, condition, and operation of the vehicle and any component in the

vehicle. This includes but is not limited to "On Board Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint

Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors,

Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.

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Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors, Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.

- 35. Please produce the Shop Manual for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Data Recorder;
 - b. On board diagnostic reading devices;
 - c. ABS systems;
 - d. Transmission systems;
 - e. Occupant Detection Systems;
 - f. Back Up Sensors;
 - g. Crash Avoidance Systems;
 - h. Power Control Modules;
 - i. Occupant Restraint Controller; and
 - j. Optional side impact inflatable curtains.
- 36. Please produce the Operators Manual for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Data Recorder retrieval instrument;
 - b. The on board diagnostic reading devices; and
 - c. Occupant Restraint Controller.
- 37. Please produce the specifications for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Sensor system and each of its subcomponents (e.g., accelerometer, arming sensors, transistors, reserve energy capacitors);
 - b. The Crash Data Recorder and each of its subcomponents;
 - c. Any data communication bus or network; and

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d. Occupant restraint controller.

38. All documents which you sent to or received from Chrysler which discuss, refer,

relate or pertain to the safety, performance, crashworthiness, virtues, qualities, characteristics,

capabilities, installment or sale of side impact airbag inflatable curtains offered as optional

equipment in the Jeep Liberty, including but not limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

39. All documents which you sent to or received from Chrysler which discuss, refer,

relate or pertain to the safety, performance, crashworthiness, virtues, qualities, characteristics,

capabilities, installment or sale of the seat belt systems in the Jeep Liberty, including but not

limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

40. All documents generated by any person, committee, task force or team, including

minutes of any meeting where discussions were held, which discuss, reflect, pertain or relate to

the design or development of side impact airbag inflatable curtains in the Jeep Liberty, including

but not limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

/s/J. Parker Miller

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CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA ANNE-MARIE ADAMS, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

CASE NO:

Plaintiff, * JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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vs. *

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.;
FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES
US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS
OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW
AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.,
f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE,
INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC;
TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS,
INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC;

TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF
FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW
AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.;
and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1"
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through "13"

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC.

Plaintiff in the above-styled action propounds these discovery requests upon Defendant TRW Automotive U.S. LLC., and requests that they be answered fully in writing and under oath within the time provided by the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*. Each request is addressed to the knowledge and information of Defendant's attorneys, investigators, agents, employees, and other representatives. When a question is directed to Defendant, the question is also directed to the aforementioned persons.

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These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the persons or entities to whom these requests are addressed obtain further information between the time the initial answers are served and the time of trial.

INTERROGATORIES

- Identify the person(s) answering and/or assisting in answering these interrogatories.
 As part of your response, please include the name, address, title and duties of the person(s) identified.
- 2. If this Defendant's name is not correctly stated in the Complaint on file in this case, state the correct way this Defendant should have been designated as a party defendant in a lawsuit at the time of the occurrence made the basis of the lawsuit and at the time these interrogatories were answered.
- 3. State the general corporate history of this Defendant from the date of incorporation to the present. This should include, but not be limited to, the state of incorporation, date of incorporation and the principal place of business.
- 4. Identify each and every insurer at issue in this case. This request includes the name, address and policy limits of each insurer or potential insurer of any type whatsoever that may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment or settlement which may entered in this action, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any judgment or settlement in this case.
- 5. Identify and "fully describe" the seatbelt systems contained on the 2002 Jeep Liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, identification of the make and model number of each seatbelt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; identification of the component parts of each seat belt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; the total cost of each seatbelt system, as well as a breakdown of the cost by component part of each seatbelt system; the

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specifications of each seatbelt system and their component parts; the purpose of each seatbelt system; the name, acronym and part number of the various parts which make up the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle; the date(s) the seat belt systems were designed and manufactured; the locations where the seat belt systems were manufactured; and the name, address and phone number of each entity in the distribution chain.

- 6. Identify and describe in detail this Defendant's responsibilities for the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 7. Identify and describe in detail the responsibilities of all other Defendants concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 8. Identify and describe in detail the history of your involvement as related to Chrysler vehicles, including but not limited to, the Jeep Liberty line.
- 9. Identify all persons responsible for the design of the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the name and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved, whether those persons are still employed by you, and if not, when they ceased employment with this Defendant.
- Identify all release engineers for any and all of the seatbelt systems used in the 2002
 Jeep Liberty.
- 11. To the extent any of the seatbelt systems of the type utilized in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty have ever been the subject of a defect investigation or engineering analysis by NHTSA, please describe in detail those investigations and analysis. In responding to this request, please provide the date the investigation was initiated, all reasons for initiating the investigation, and the results of the investigation.

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12. Identify and describe fully any testing conducted on the seatbelt systems in the

subject 2002 Jeep Liberty, including substantially similar seatbelt system models, to evaluate their

performance in vehicle accidents, including rollover accidents. As part of your response, please

provide what testing was conducted, the dates of any such testing, the results of the testing, and

the name, address and phone number of the person(s) and entity (if this Defendant, the appropriate

department) responsible for such testing.

13. Identify and describe the type of seat belt retractor(s) used in the subject vehicle's

seatbelt systems by location within the vehicle. This request includes, but is not limited to, whether

the retractor was dual sensitive; the performance standards for locking of the retractor; whether

the retractor uses a web grabber; and whether the retractor has a pretensioner.

14. Identify and describe in detail any testing that was conducted on the seat belt system

retractors', as well as substantially similar retractors, to evaluate the performance of the retractor

in a rollover accident, including the incidence of spool-out. As part of your answer, please identify

what testing was conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of any such testing, and the name,

addresses and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

15. Identify and describe in detail whether any of the subject vehicle's seat belt system

retractors or substantially similar retractors were tested to evaluate their performance in rollovers,

including the amount of pay out of webbing. As part of your answer, please include what testing

was conducted, including the dates of such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address

and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

16. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's

seat belt systems' retractors from spooling out in the event of a rollover accident.

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17. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's

seat belt systems' retractors from releasing webbing in a rollover.

18. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the seat belt retractors

of the subject vehicle's seat belt systems from permitting intermittent release of webbing in a

vehicle accident, including a rollover accident.

19. Please describe each and every change to the design of each retractor/retractor

assembly contained within the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty from the date it was first marketed by

this Defendant to the present date, and the reason for each and every change.

20. Please describe in detail all efforts undertaken by TRW to monitor the performance

of its seat belt systems in the field to ensure they performed in a reasonably safe manner during

rollover accidents.

21. Identify all person(s) known, believed or suspected by this Defendant or its agents

to possess knowledge of this matter, including the subject vehicle, any of its component parts, the

persons involved in the accident, any witnesses to the accident, or any efforts undertaken to inspect,

test and/or photograph the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.

22. Identify and describe in detail whether any testing was conducted on the subject

vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors or substantially similar retractors to evaluate the amount of

intermittent release of webbing. As part of your response, please identify what testing was

conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of such testing, and the name, address and phone

number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

23. State whether you believe Sue Ann Graham received her fatal injuries inside or

outside of the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicle.

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24. Identify the TRW seatbelt systems using the same or substantially similar TRW retractors which were tested (whether crash, sled or rollover tested) by or for TRW and/or Chrysler.

25. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever recommended to Chrysler that a pretensioner application that remains locked with belt tension regardless of motion be incorporated into the seat belt systems of the Jeep Liberty.

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- 24. Please produce a complete and legible list or roster of all individuals, including name and address, who were involved in the design, manufacture or assembly of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
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- 27. Produce documents that itemize this Defendant's cost for each individual component of the 2002 Jeep Liberty's passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s)), as well as any alternative passenger restraint system (including seat belt system) available at the time the 2002 Jeep Liberty's restraint systems were utilized.
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- 30. Please produce all documents necessary to read and interpret the data in every address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint Controller.
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Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors, Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.

- 35. Please produce the Shop Manual for the following systems:
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 - b. On board diagnostic reading devices;
 - c. ABS systems;
 - d. Transmission systems;
 - e. Occupant Detection Systems;
 - f. Back Up Sensors;
 - g. Crash Avoidance Systems;
 - h. Power Control Modules;
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 - a. The Crash Sensor system and each of its subcomponents (e.g., accelerometer, arming sensors, transistors, reserve energy capacitors);
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d. Occupant restraint controller.

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capabilities, installment or sale of side impact airbag inflatable curtains offered as optional

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01-CV-2017-5:38 PM 01-CV-2017-904376.00 CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA ANNE-MARIE ADAMS, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

CASE NO:

Plaintiff, * JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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vs. *

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.;

FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES

US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS

OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW

AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.,

f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE,

INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC;

TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS, *
INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC; *
TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF *

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW
AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.;
and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1"
*

through "13"

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC

Plaintiff in the above-styled action propounds these discovery requests upon Defendant TRW Automotive US, LLC., and requests that they be answered fully in writing and under oath within the time provided by the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*. Each request is addressed to the knowledge and information of Defendant's attorneys, investigators, agents, employees, and other representatives. When a question is directed to Defendant, the question is also directed to the aforementioned persons.

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These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the persons or entities to whom these requests are addressed obtain further information between the time the initial answers are served and the time of trial.

INTERROGATORIES

- Identify the person(s) answering and/or assisting in answering these interrogatories.
 As part of your response, please include the name, address, title and duties of the person(s) identified.
- 2. If this Defendant's name is not correctly stated in the Complaint on file in this case, state the correct way this Defendant should have been designated as a party defendant in a lawsuit at the time of the occurrence made the basis of the lawsuit and at the time these interrogatories were answered.
- 3. State the general corporate history of this Defendant from the date of incorporation to the present. This should include, but not be limited to, the state of incorporation, date of incorporation and the principal place of business.
- 4. Identify each and every insurer at issue in this case. This request includes the name, address and policy limits of each insurer or potential insurer of any type whatsoever that may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment or settlement which may entered in this action, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any judgment or settlement in this case.
- 5. Identify and "fully describe" the seatbelt systems contained on the 2002 Jeep Liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, identification of the make and model number of each seatbelt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; identification of the component parts of each seat belt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; the total cost of each seatbelt system, as well as a breakdown of the cost by component part of each seatbelt system; the

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specifications of each seatbelt system and their component parts; the purpose of each seatbelt system; the name, acronym and part number of the various parts which make up the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle; the date(s) the seat belt systems were designed and manufactured; the locations where the seat belt systems were manufactured; and the name, address and phone number of each entity in the distribution chain.

- 6. Identify and describe in detail this Defendant's responsibilities for the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 7. Identify and describe in detail the responsibilities of all other Defendants concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 8. Identify and describe in detail the history of your involvement as related to Chrysler vehicles, including but not limited to, the Jeep Liberty line.
- 9. Identify all persons responsible for the design of the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the name and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved, whether those persons are still employed by you, and if not, when they ceased employment with this Defendant.
- Identify all release engineers for any and all of the seatbelt systems used in the 2002
 Jeep Liberty.
- 11. To the extent any of the seatbelt systems of the type utilized in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty have ever been the subject of a defect investigation or engineering analysis by NHTSA, please describe in detail those investigations and analysis. In responding to this request, please provide the date the investigation was initiated, all reasons for initiating the investigation, and the results of the investigation.

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12. Identify and describe fully any testing conducted on the seatbelt systems in the

subject 2002 Jeep Liberty, including substantially similar seatbelt system models, to evaluate their

performance in vehicle accidents, including rollover accidents. As part of your response, please

provide what testing was conducted, the dates of any such testing, the results of the testing, and

the name, address and phone number of the person(s) and entity (if this Defendant, the appropriate

department) responsible for such testing.

13. Identify and describe the type of seat belt retractor(s) used in the subject vehicle's

seatbelt systems by location within the vehicle. This request includes, but is not limited to, whether

the retractor was dual sensitive; the performance standards for locking of the retractor; whether

the retractor uses a web grabber; and whether the retractor has a pretensioner.

14. Identify and describe in detail any testing that was conducted on the seat belt system

retractors', as well as substantially similar retractors, to evaluate the performance of the retractor

in a rollover accident, including the incidence of spool-out. As part of your answer, please identify

what testing was conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of any such testing, and the name,

addresses and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

15. Identify and describe in detail whether any of the subject vehicle's seat belt system

retractors or substantially similar retractors were tested to evaluate their performance in rollovers,

including the amount of pay out of webbing. As part of your answer, please include what testing

was conducted, including the dates of such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address

and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

16. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's

seat belt systems' retractors from spooling out in the event of a rollover accident.

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17. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's

seat belt systems' retractors from releasing webbing in a rollover.

18. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the seat belt retractors

of the subject vehicle's seat belt systems from permitting intermittent release of webbing in a

vehicle accident, including a rollover accident.

19. Please describe each and every change to the design of each retractor/retractor

assembly contained within the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty from the date it was first marketed by

this Defendant to the present date, and the reason for each and every change.

20. Please describe in detail all efforts undertaken by TRW to monitor the performance

of its seat belt systems in the field to ensure they performed in a reasonably safe manner during

rollover accidents.

21. Identify all person(s) known, believed or suspected by this Defendant or its agents

to possess knowledge of this matter, including the subject vehicle, any of its component parts, the

persons involved in the accident, any witnesses to the accident, or any efforts undertaken to inspect,

test and/or photograph the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.

22. Identify and describe in detail whether any testing was conducted on the subject

vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors or substantially similar retractors to evaluate the amount of

intermittent release of webbing. As part of your response, please identify what testing was

conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of such testing, and the name, address and phone

number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

23. State whether you believe Sue Ann Graham received her fatal injuries inside or

outside of the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicle.

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- 24. Identify the TRW seatbelt systems using the same or substantially similar TRW retractors which were tested (whether crash, sled or rollover tested) by or for TRW and/or Chrysler.
- 25. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever recommended to Chrysler that a pretensioner application that remains locked with belt tension regardless of motion be incorporated into the seat belt systems of the Jeep Liberty.
- 26. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever notified Chrysler that conventional retractors can experience intermittent release of webbing during rollover accidents?
- 27. Identify each and every analysis (whether it be a test, study, computer simulation, or any other analysis) undertaken on the 2002 Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems to evaluate the seat belt systems' ability to prevent occupant ejection (whether partial or full) in a rollover accident.
- 28. Identify and describe any incidents, including but not limited to any accidents, claims or lawsuits, involving the ejection or partial ejection of an occupant in a vehicle equipped with the same or substantially similar seat belt systems as in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please provide the date of the accident / incident; the name and address of the person injured as well as their counsel, if applicable; the make, model and year of the vehicle involved in the accident / incident; and the caption and case number of the lawsuit, if one was commenced.
- 29. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat belt buckle system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please identify the manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-referenced seat belt and/or seat belt buckle system(s).
- 30. Identify and describe all information provided to any other Defendant (including Chrysler and/or FCA) concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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31. If you contend that the accident alleged in the Complaint and/or the Plaintiffs'

alleged injuries and damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty

being improperly repaired, maintained, altered, modified or serviced, please describe fully. As part

of your answer, please provide the nature and date(s) of the alleged improper repair, maintenance,

alteration, modification or service.

32. If you contend that the action, activity or failure to act of any person or entity other

than the Plaintiffs contributed to cause the accident alleged in the Complaint or Plaintiffs' alleged

injuries and damages, please describe in detail. As part of your response, please provide the name

and address of such person or entity; the specific nature of such action, activity or failure to act;

how such actions, activity or failure to act contributed to cause the incident alleged in the Plaintiffs'

alleged injuries and damages; the identity of each person with knowledge that some other person

or defendant contributed to the incident or Plaintiffs' injuries or damages.

33. Identify all persons you expect to call as an expert witness at the trial of this action.

As part of your answer, please provide the name of the expert(s) you expect to call and the subject

matter that you expect your expert(s) to testify to.

34. Identify all expert opinions that your experts will offer at the trial of this action. As

part of your answer, please provide the substance of the facts and opinions to which he or she is

expected to testify, a summary of the grounds of their opinions, all supporting literature they intend

to rely upon to form their opinions, and any and all reports and draft reports that they intend to

offer in this matter.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

1. Produce all documents (tests, studies, etc.) referenced in your responses to the

Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories.

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- 2. Produce any and all product literature distributed, printed or circulated by this Defendant, and which contain photographs, diagrams, descriptions or analysis of the seat belt systems in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty. This Request includes all brochures, advertisements, white papers, marketing materials and information packets.
- 3. Produce any and all documents or writings prepared by this Defendant for or accompanying the seat belt systems contained in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty which you contend contained warnings of any dangers which users (including engineers, manufacturers, consumers, etc.) of the product may be exposed to and/or containing any instructions for use.
- 4. Produce any and all photographs or videotapes of the subject Jeep Liberty made the basis of this action, including any photographs or videotapes of the accident scene or the Plaintiffs.
- 5. Produce any and all sales documents including invoices, purchase orders, bills of lading, and shipping invoices relating to the subject Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems made the basis of this lawsuit.
- 6. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all complaints received by you from any source wherein it was alleged that an injury or death occurred as a result of a defective and/or failed seat belt restraint system in any of the seat belt restraint systems manufactured, designed or assembled by this Defendant, including those utilized in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 7. Produce any and all patents related to the seat belt design(s) on the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt design(s), held by you or any of your employees, including copies of any patent applications related to the passenger restraint systems.

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- 8. Produce any and all brochures, sales lists or other documents which would reflect optional equipment or any optional design configuration for seat belt systems available for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 9. Produce any and all expert reports which have been prepared in connection with this lawsuit or the incident giving rise to this lawsuit, if the expert is prepared to, or may, testify in this case. This request should also encompass any report prepared by any other person which has been reviewed by any expert intended to testify at the trial of this case.
- 10. Produce copies of any and all statements previously made by the Plaintiffs concerning the subject matter of this lawsuit, including any written statements signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the Plaintiffs and any stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other type of recording or any transcription thereof made by the Plaintiffs hereto and recorded.
- 11. Produce copies of any and all documents, reports or other written records pertaining to any investigation of this incident, which were generated by persons other than this defendant.
- 12. Produce sketches, blueprints, schematics and/or drawings of the design of the passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s) for all seats) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the Jeep Liberty models preceding and subsequent to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 13. Produce any and all documents, photographs or other physical evidence which will be utilized by you and offered as evidence at the trial of this case.
- 14. Produce any and all documents related to any investigation or hearings conducted by any governmental entity related to the seat belt systems contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt systems manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.

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15. Produce a copy of any and all recalls issued for the seat belt systems contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt systems manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.

- 16. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for documenting customer comments/complaints regarding this Defendant's products.
- 17. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for document retention for this Defendant.
- 18. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all failure modes and effects analysis for the front seats and passenger restraint systems, including their component parts, on the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the five years preceding and subsequent to the 2002 model.
- 19. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all parts lists which depict parts for the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 20. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all meeting minutes, presentations, documentation, visual aids, or any other documents or things which discuss or depict the asmanufactured design of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's substantially similar seat belt system models manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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CASE NO:

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vs.

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Plaintiff in the above-styled action propounds these discovery requests upon Defendant TRW Safety Systems, Inc., and requests that they be answered fully in writing and under oath within the time provided by the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*. Each request is addressed to the knowledge and information of Defendant's attorneys, investigators, agents, employees, and other representatives. When a question is directed to Defendant, the question is also directed to the aforementioned persons.

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INTERROGATORIES

- Identify the person(s) answering and/or assisting in answering these interrogatories.
 As part of your response, please include the name, address, title and duties of the person(s) identified.
- 2. If this Defendant's name is not correctly stated in the Complaint on file in this case, state the correct way this Defendant should have been designated as a party defendant in a lawsuit at the time of the occurrence made the basis of the lawsuit and at the time these interrogatories were answered.
- 3. State the general corporate history of this Defendant from the date of incorporation to the present. This should include, but not be limited to, the state of incorporation, date of incorporation and the principal place of business.
- 4. Identify each and every insurer at issue in this case. This request includes the name, address and policy limits of each insurer or potential insurer of any type whatsoever that may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment or settlement which may entered in this action, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any judgment or settlement in this case.
- 5. Identify and "fully describe" the seatbelt systems contained on the 2002 Jeep Liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, identification of the make and model number of each seatbelt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; identification of the component parts of each seat belt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; the total cost of each seatbelt system, as well as a breakdown of the cost by component part of each seatbelt system; the

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specifications of each seatbelt system and their component parts; the purpose of each seatbelt system; the name, acronym and part number of the various parts which make up the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle; the date(s) the seat belt systems were designed and manufactured; the locations where the seat belt systems were manufactured; and the name, address and phone number of each entity in the distribution chain.

- 6. Identify and describe in detail this Defendant's responsibilities for the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 7. Identify and describe in detail the responsibilities of all other Defendants concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 8. Identify and describe in detail the history of your involvement as related to Chrysler vehicles, including but not limited to, the Jeep Liberty line.
- 9. Identify all persons responsible for the design of the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the name and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved, whether those persons are still employed by you, and if not, when they ceased employment with this Defendant.
- Identify all release engineers for any and all of the seatbelt systems used in the 2002
 Jeep Liberty.
- 11. To the extent any of the seatbelt systems of the type utilized in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty have ever been the subject of a defect investigation or engineering analysis by NHTSA, please describe in detail those investigations and analysis. In responding to this request, please provide the date the investigation was initiated, all reasons for initiating the investigation, and the results of the investigation.

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12. Identify and describe fully any testing conducted on the seatbelt systems in the

subject 2002 Jeep Liberty, including substantially similar seatbelt system models, to evaluate their

performance in vehicle accidents, including rollover accidents. As part of your response, please

provide what testing was conducted, the dates of any such testing, the results of the testing, and

the name, address and phone number of the person(s) and entity (if this Defendant, the appropriate

department) responsible for such testing.

13. Identify and describe the type of seat belt retractor(s) used in the subject vehicle's

seatbelt systems by location within the vehicle. This request includes, but is not limited to, whether

the retractor was dual sensitive; the performance standards for locking of the retractor; whether

the retractor uses a web grabber; and whether the retractor has a pretensioner.

14. Identify and describe in detail any testing that was conducted on the seat belt system

retractors', as well as substantially similar retractors, to evaluate the performance of the retractor

in a rollover accident, including the incidence of spool-out. As part of your answer, please identify

what testing was conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of any such testing, and the name,

addresses and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

15. Identify and describe in detail whether any of the subject vehicle's seat belt system

retractors or substantially similar retractors were tested to evaluate their performance in rollovers,

including the amount of pay out of webbing. As part of your answer, please include what testing

was conducted, including the dates of such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address

and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

16. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's

seat belt systems' retractors from spooling out in the event of a rollover accident.

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17. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's

seat belt systems' retractors from releasing webbing in a rollover.

18. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the seat belt retractors

of the subject vehicle's seat belt systems from permitting intermittent release of webbing in a

vehicle accident, including a rollover accident.

19. Please describe each and every change to the design of each retractor/retractor

assembly contained within the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty from the date it was first marketed by

this Defendant to the present date, and the reason for each and every change.

20. Please describe in detail all efforts undertaken by TRW to monitor the performance

of its seat belt systems in the field to ensure they performed in a reasonably safe manner during

rollover accidents.

21. Identify all person(s) known, believed or suspected by this Defendant or its agents

to possess knowledge of this matter, including the subject vehicle, any of its component parts, the

persons involved in the accident, any witnesses to the accident, or any efforts undertaken to inspect,

test and/or photograph the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.

22. Identify and describe in detail whether any testing was conducted on the subject

vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors or substantially similar retractors to evaluate the amount of

intermittent release of webbing. As part of your response, please identify what testing was

conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of such testing, and the name, address and phone

number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

23. State whether you believe Sue Ann Graham received her fatal injuries inside or

outside of the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicle.

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- 24. Identify the TRW seatbelt systems using the same or substantially similar TRW retractors which were tested (whether crash, sled or rollover tested) by or for TRW and/or Chrysler.
- 25. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever recommended to Chrysler that a pretensioner application that remains locked with belt tension regardless of motion be incorporated into the seat belt systems of the Jeep Liberty.
- 26. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever notified Chrysler that conventional retractors can experience intermittent release of webbing during rollover accidents?
- 27. Identify each and every analysis (whether it be a test, study, computer simulation, or any other analysis) undertaken on the 2002 Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems to evaluate the seat belt systems' ability to prevent occupant ejection (whether partial or full) in a rollover accident.
- 28. Identify and describe any incidents, including but not limited to any accidents, claims or lawsuits, involving the ejection or partial ejection of an occupant in a vehicle equipped with the same or substantially similar seat belt systems as in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please provide the date of the accident / incident; the name and address of the person injured as well as their counsel, if applicable; the make, model and year of the vehicle involved in the accident / incident; and the caption and case number of the lawsuit, if one was commenced.
- 29. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat belt buckle system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please identify the manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-referenced seat belt and/or seat belt buckle system(s).
- 30. Identify and describe all information provided to any other Defendant (including Chrysler and/or FCA) concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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31. If you contend that the accident alleged in the Complaint and/or the Plaintiffs'

alleged injuries and damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty

being improperly repaired, maintained, altered, modified or serviced, please describe fully. As part

of your answer, please provide the nature and date(s) of the alleged improper repair, maintenance,

alteration, modification or service.

32. If you contend that the action, activity or failure to act of any person or entity other

than the Plaintiffs contributed to cause the accident alleged in the Complaint or Plaintiffs' alleged

injuries and damages, please describe in detail. As part of your response, please provide the name

and address of such person or entity; the specific nature of such action, activity or failure to act;

how such actions, activity or failure to act contributed to cause the incident alleged in the Plaintiffs'

alleged injuries and damages; the identity of each person with knowledge that some other person

or defendant contributed to the incident or Plaintiffs' injuries or damages.

33. Identify all persons you expect to call as an expert witness at the trial of this action.

As part of your answer, please provide the name of the expert(s) you expect to call and the subject

matter that you expect your expert(s) to testify to.

34. Identify all expert opinions that your experts will offer at the trial of this action. As

part of your answer, please provide the substance of the facts and opinions to which he or she is

expected to testify, a summary of the grounds of their opinions, all supporting literature they intend

to rely upon to form their opinions, and any and all reports and draft reports that they intend to

offer in this matter.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

1. Produce all documents (tests, studies, etc.) referenced in your responses to the

Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories.

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- 2. Produce any and all product literature distributed, printed or circulated by this Defendant, and which contain photographs, diagrams, descriptions or analysis of the seat belt systems in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty. This Request includes all brochures, advertisements, white papers, marketing materials and information packets.
- 3. Produce any and all documents or writings prepared by this Defendant for or accompanying the seat belt systems contained in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty which you contend contained warnings of any dangers which users (including engineers, manufacturers, consumers, etc.) of the product may be exposed to and/or containing any instructions for use.
- 4. Produce any and all photographs or videotapes of the subject Jeep Liberty made the basis of this action, including any photographs or videotapes of the accident scene or the Plaintiffs.
- 5. Produce any and all sales documents including invoices, purchase orders, bills of lading, and shipping invoices relating to the subject Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems made the basis of this lawsuit.
- 6. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all complaints received by you from any source wherein it was alleged that an injury or death occurred as a result of a defective and/or failed seat belt restraint system in any of the seat belt restraint systems manufactured, designed or assembled by this Defendant, including those utilized in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 7. Produce any and all patents related to the seat belt design(s) on the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt design(s), held by you or any of your employees, including copies of any patent applications related to the passenger restraint systems.

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8. Produce any and all brochures, sales lists or other documents which would reflect optional equipment or any optional design configuration for seat belt systems available for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

- 9. Produce any and all expert reports which have been prepared in connection with this lawsuit or the incident giving rise to this lawsuit, if the expert is prepared to, or may, testify in this case. This request should also encompass any report prepared by any other person which has been reviewed by any expert intended to testify at the trial of this case.
- 10. Produce copies of any and all statements previously made by the Plaintiffs concerning the subject matter of this lawsuit, including any written statements signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the Plaintiffs and any stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other type of recording or any transcription thereof made by the Plaintiffs hereto and recorded.
- 11. Produce copies of any and all documents, reports or other written records pertaining to any investigation of this incident, which were generated by persons other than this defendant.
- 12. Produce sketches, blueprints, schematics and/or drawings of the design of the passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s) for all seats) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the Jeep Liberty models preceding and subsequent to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 13. Produce any and all documents, photographs or other physical evidence which will be utilized by you and offered as evidence at the trial of this case.
- 14. Produce any and all documents related to any investigation or hearings conducted by any governmental entity related to the seat belt systems contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt systems manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.

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- 15. Produce a copy of any and all recalls issued for the seat belt systems contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt systems manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.
- 16. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for documenting customer comments/complaints regarding this Defendant's products.
- 17. Produce a copy of the policies and/or procedures for document retention for this Defendant.
- 18. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all failure modes and effects analysis for the front seats and passenger restraint systems, including their component parts, on the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the five years preceding and subsequent to the 2002 model.
- 19. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all parts lists which depict parts for the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 20. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all meeting minutes, presentations, documentation, visual aids, or any other documents or things which discuss or depict the asmanufactured design of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty or any of this Defendant's substantially similar seat belt system models manufactured, designed and/or assembled by you.
- 21. Produce copies of all standards, tests, reports, published papers, unpublished papers or treatises or other exhibits which this Defendant expects to offer into evidence at the trial of this case.
- 22. Produce any and all documents, memos, and/or tests evidencing or relating to studies and analyses conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to occupant protection from passenger restraint failures (including seat belt system(s) failures).

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- 23. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all engineering drawings, blueprints, photographs, video, computer files, notes, memorandum, and/or studies for the 2002 Jeep Liberty that would show:
 - a. any passenger restraint system design change or engineering change;
 - b. any proposed front seat or passenger restraint system design or engineering change.
- 24. Please produce a complete and legible list or roster of all individuals, including name and address, who were involved in the design, manufacture or assembly of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 25. Produce any and all hazard analyses and/or any and all analyses performed by you to assess potential hazards to passengers riding in or utilizing the seat belt systems utilized in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar models manufactured, designed or assembled by you.
- 26. Produce any and all documents evidencing your efforts to either eliminate or safeguard against potential hazards to passengers riding in or utilizing the seat belt systems utilized in the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar models manufactured, designed or assembled by you.
- 27. Produce documents that itemize this Defendant's cost for each individual component of the 2002 Jeep Liberty's passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s)), as well as any alternative passenger restraint system (including seat belt system) available at the time the 2002 Jeep Liberty's restraint systems were utilized.
- 28. Produce all correspondences between you and any third party or Defendant in this litigation concerning the selection of the restraint systems (including the seat belt system(s)) contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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29. Please produce all documents which identify every address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint Controller. This is often referred to

as a memory map.

30. Please produce all documents necessary to read and interpret the data in every

address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint

Controller.

31. Please produce all documents necessary to determine the actual conditions which

determine each item of data will be written to the each address in the EEPROM, RAM and ROM

in the Crash Data Recorder or Occupant Restraint Controller. For example: The actual

measurement which would cause a deployment loop fault code to be set.

32. Please produce all documents which identify every device which records any data

related to the performance, condition, and operation of the vehicle and any component in the

vehicle. This includes but is not limited to "On Board Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint

Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors,

Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.

33. Please produce all documents which identify the each data address in every device

which records any data related to the performance, condition, and operation of the vehicle and any

component in the vehicle. This includes but is not limited to "On Board Diagnostic" devices,

Occupant Restraint Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems,

Back Up Sensors, Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.

34. Please produce all documents which are necessary to read and interpret each data

address in every device which records any data related to the performance, condition, and operation

of the vehicle and any component in the vehicle. This includes but is not limited to "On Board

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Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors, Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.

- 35. Please produce the Shop Manual for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Data Recorder;
 - b. On board diagnostic reading devices;
 - c. ABS systems;
 - d. Transmission systems;
 - e. Occupant Detection Systems;
 - f. Back Up Sensors;
 - g. Crash Avoidance Systems;
 - h. Power Control Modules;
 - i. Occupant Restraint Controller; and
 - j. Optional side impact inflatable curtains.
- 36. Please produce the Operators Manual for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Data Recorder retrieval instrument;
 - b. The on board diagnostic reading devices; and
 - c. Occupant Restraint Controller.
- 37. Please produce the specifications for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Sensor system and each of its subcomponents (e.g., accelerometer, arming sensors, transistors, reserve energy capacitors);
 - b. The Crash Data Recorder and each of its subcomponents;
 - c. Any data communication bus or network; and

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d. Occupant restraint controller.

38. All documents which you sent to or received from Chrysler which discuss, refer,

relate or pertain to the safety, performance, crashworthiness, virtues, qualities, characteristics,

capabilities, installment or sale of side impact airbag inflatable curtains offered as optional

equipment in the Jeep Liberty, including but not limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

39. All documents which you sent to or received from Chrysler which discuss, refer,

relate or pertain to the safety, performance, crashworthiness, virtues, qualities, characteristics,

capabilities, installment or sale of the seat belt systems in the Jeep Liberty, including but not

limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

40. All documents generated by any person, committee, task force or team, including

minutes of any meeting where discussions were held, which discuss, reflect, pertain or relate to

the design or development of side impact airbag inflatable curtains in the Jeep Liberty, including

but not limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

/s/J. Parker Miller

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

CASE NO:

Plaintiff, * JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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vs.

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.; * FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS **OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW** * AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP., * f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC; TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC; TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW **AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.:** and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1" through "13"

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.

Plaintiff in the above-styled action propounds these discovery requests upon Defendant TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc., and requests that they be answered fully in writing and under oath within the time provided by the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*. Each request is addressed to the knowledge and information of Defendant's attorneys, investigators, agents, employees, and other representatives. When a question is directed to Defendant, the question is also directed to the aforementioned persons.

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These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the persons or entities to whom these requests are addressed obtain further information between the time the initial answers are served and the time of trial.

INTERROGATORIES

1. Identify the person(s) answering and/or assisting in answering these interrogatories.

As part of your response, please include the name, address, title and duties of the person(s)

identified.

2. If this Defendant's name is not correctly stated in the Complaint on file in this case,

state the correct way this Defendant should have been designated as a party defendant in a lawsuit

at the time of the occurrence made the basis of the lawsuit and at the time these interrogatories

were answered.

3. State the general corporate history of this Defendant from the date of incorporation

to the present. This should include, but not be limited to, the state of incorporation, date of

incorporation and the principal place of business.

4. Identify each and every insurer at issue in this case. This request includes the name,

address and policy limits of each insurer or potential insurer of any type whatsoever that may be

liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment or settlement which may entered in this action, or to

indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any judgment or settlement in this case.

5. Identify and "fully describe" the seatbelt systems contained on the 2002 Jeep

Liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, identification of the make and model number

of each seatbelt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; identification of the component

parts of each seat belt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; the total cost of each

seatbelt system, as well as a breakdown of the cost by component part of each seatbelt system; the

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specifications of each seatbelt system and their component parts; the purpose of each seatbelt system; the name, acronym and part number of the various parts which make up the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle; the date(s) the seat belt systems were designed and manufactured; the locations where the seat belt systems were manufactured; and the name, address and phone

6. Identify and describe in detail this Defendant's responsibilities for the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?

number of each entity in the distribution chain.

- 7. Identify and describe in detail the responsibilities of all other Defendants concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 8. Identify and describe in detail the history of your involvement as related to Chrysler vehicles, including but not limited to, the Jeep Liberty line.
- 9. Identify all persons responsible for the design of the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the name and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved, whether those persons are still employed by you, and if not, when they ceased employment with this Defendant.
- Identify all release engineers for any and all of the seatbelt systems used in the 2002
 Jeep Liberty.
- 11. To the extent any of the seatbelt systems of the type utilized in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty have ever been the subject of a defect investigation or engineering analysis by NHTSA, please describe in detail those investigations and analysis. In responding to this request, please provide the date the investigation was initiated, all reasons for initiating the investigation, and the results of the investigation.

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subject 2002 Jeep Liberty, including substantially similar seatbelt system models, to evaluate their

performance in vehicle accidents, including rollover accidents. As part of your response, please

provide what testing was conducted, the dates of any such testing, the results of the testing, and

the name, address and phone number of the person(s) and entity (if this Defendant, the appropriate

department) responsible for such testing.

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seatbelt systems by location within the vehicle. This request includes, but is not limited to, whether

the retractor was dual sensitive; the performance standards for locking of the retractor; whether

the retractor uses a web grabber; and whether the retractor has a pretensioner.

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in a rollover accident, including the incidence of spool-out. As part of your answer, please identify

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seat belt systems' retractors from spooling out in the event of a rollover accident.

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of its seat belt systems in the field to ensure they performed in a reasonably safe manner during

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to possess knowledge of this matter, including the subject vehicle, any of its component parts, the

persons involved in the accident, any witnesses to the accident, or any efforts undertaken to inspect,

test and/or photograph the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors or substantially similar retractors to evaluate the amount of

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- 24. Identify the TRW seatbelt systems using the same or substantially similar TRW retractors which were tested (whether crash, sled or rollover tested) by or for TRW and/or Chrysler.
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- 29. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat belt buckle system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please identify the manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-referenced seat belt and/or seat belt buckle system(s).
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alleged injuries and damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty

being improperly repaired, maintained, altered, modified or serviced, please describe fully. As part

of your answer, please provide the nature and date(s) of the alleged improper repair, maintenance,

alteration, modification or service.

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than the Plaintiffs contributed to cause the accident alleged in the Complaint or Plaintiffs' alleged

injuries and damages, please describe in detail. As part of your response, please provide the name

and address of such person or entity; the specific nature of such action, activity or failure to act;

how such actions, activity or failure to act contributed to cause the incident alleged in the Plaintiffs'

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1. Produce all documents (tests, studies, etc.) referenced in your responses to the

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Diagnostic" devices, Occupant Restraint Controller, ABS systems, transmission systems, Occupant Detection Systems, Back Up Sensors, Crash Avoidance Systems and Power Control Modules.

- 35. Please produce the Shop Manual for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Data Recorder;
 - b. On board diagnostic reading devices;
 - c. ABS systems;
 - d. Transmission systems;
 - e. Occupant Detection Systems;
 - f. Back Up Sensors;
 - g. Crash Avoidance Systems;
 - h. Power Control Modules;
 - i. Occupant Restraint Controller; and
 - j. Optional side impact inflatable curtains.
- 36. Please produce the Operators Manual for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Data Recorder retrieval instrument;
 - b. The on board diagnostic reading devices; and
 - c. Occupant Restraint Controller.
- 37. Please produce the specifications for the following systems:
 - a. The Crash Sensor system and each of its subcomponents (e.g., accelerometer, arming sensors, transistors, reserve energy capacitors);
 - b. The Crash Data Recorder and each of its subcomponents;
 - c. Any data communication bus or network; and

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d. Occupant restraint controller.

38. All documents which you sent to or received from Chrysler which discuss, refer,

relate or pertain to the safety, performance, crashworthiness, virtues, qualities, characteristics,

capabilities, installment or sale of side impact airbag inflatable curtains offered as optional

equipment in the Jeep Liberty, including but not limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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relate or pertain to the safety, performance, crashworthiness, virtues, qualities, characteristics,

capabilities, installment or sale of the seat belt systems in the Jeep Liberty, including but not

limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

40. All documents generated by any person, committee, task force or team, including

minutes of any meeting where discussions were held, which discuss, reflect, pertain or relate to

the design or development of side impact airbag inflatable curtains in the Jeep Liberty, including

but not limited to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

/s/J. Parker Miller

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TO BE SERVED WITH THE COMPLAINT

01-CV-2017-904376.00 CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA ANNE-MARIE ADAMS, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

CASE NO:

Plaintiff, * JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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vs.

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.;
FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES
US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS
OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW
AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.,
f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE,
INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC;

TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS,
INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC;
TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF
FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW
**

AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.; and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1" *

through "13"

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG

Plaintiff in the above-styled action propounds these discovery requests upon Defendant ZF Friedrichshafen AG, and requests that they be answered fully in writing and under oath within the time provided by the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*. Each request is addressed to the knowledge and information of Defendant's attorneys, investigators, agents, employees, and other representatives. When a question is directed to Defendant, the question is also directed to the aforementioned persons.

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These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the persons or entities to whom these requests are addressed obtain further information between the

time the initial answers are served and the time of trial.

INTERROGATORIES

1. Identify the person(s) answering and/or assisting in answering these interrogatories.

As part of your response, please include the name, address, title and duties of the person(s)

identified.

2. If this Defendant's name is not correctly stated in the Complaint on file in this case,

state the correct way this Defendant should have been designated as a party defendant in a lawsuit

at the time of the occurrence made the basis of the lawsuit and at the time these interrogatories

were answered.

3. State the general corporate history of this Defendant from the date of incorporation

to the present. This should include, but not be limited to, the state of incorporation, date of

incorporation and the principal place of business.

4. Identify each and every insurer at issue in this case. This request includes the name,

address and policy limits of each insurer or potential insurer of any type whatsoever that may be

liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment or settlement which may entered in this action, or to

indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any judgment or settlement in this case.

5. Identify and "fully describe" the seatbelt systems contained on the 2002 Jeep

Liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, identification of the make and model number

of each seatbelt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; identification of the component

parts of each seat belt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; the total cost of each

seatbelt system, as well as a breakdown of the cost by component part of each seatbelt system; the

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specifications of each seatbelt system and their component parts; the purpose of each seatbelt system; the name, acronym and part number of the various parts which make up the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle; the date(s) the seat belt systems were designed and manufactured; the locations where the seat belt systems were manufactured; and the name, address and phone number of each entity in the distribution chain.

- 6. Identify and describe in detail this Defendant's responsibilities for the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 7. Identify and describe in detail the responsibilities of all other Defendants concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 8. Identify and describe in detail the history of your involvement as related to Chrysler vehicles, including but not limited to, the Jeep Liberty line.
- 9. Identify all persons responsible for the design of the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the name and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved, whether those persons are still employed by you, and if not, when they ceased employment with this Defendant.
- Identify all release engineers for any and all of the seatbelt systems used in the 2002
 Jeep Liberty.
- 11. To the extent any of the seatbelt systems of the type utilized in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty have ever been the subject of a defect investigation or engineering analysis by NHTSA, please describe in detail those investigations and analysis. In responding to this request, please provide the date the investigation was initiated, all reasons for initiating the investigation, and the results of the investigation.

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- 12. Identify and describe fully any testing conducted on the seatbelt systems in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty, including substantially similar seatbelt system models, to evaluate their performance in vehicle accidents, including rollover accidents. As part of your response, please provide what testing was conducted, the dates of any such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address and phone number of the person(s) and entity (if this Defendant, the appropriate department) responsible for such testing.
- 13. Identify and describe the type of seat belt retractor(s) used in the subject vehicle's seatbelt systems by location within the vehicle. This request includes, but is not limited to, whether the retractor was dual sensitive; the performance standards for locking of the retractor; whether the retractor uses a web grabber; and whether the retractor has a pretensioner.
- 14. Identify and describe in detail any testing that was conducted on the seat belt system retractors', as well as substantially similar retractors, to evaluate the performance of the retractor in a rollover accident, including the incidence of spool-out. As part of your answer, please identify what testing was conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of any such testing, and the name, addresses and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.
- 15. Identify and describe in detail whether any of the subject vehicle's seat belt system retractors or substantially similar retractors were tested to evaluate their performance in rollovers, including the amount of pay out of webbing. As part of your answer, please include what testing was conducted, including the dates of such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.
- 16. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors from spooling out in the event of a rollover accident.

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- 17. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors from releasing webbing in a rollover.
- 18. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the seat belt retractors of the subject vehicle's seat belt systems from permitting intermittent release of webbing in a vehicle accident, including a rollover accident.
- 19. Please describe each and every change to the design of each retractor/retractor assembly contained within the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty from the date it was first marketed by this Defendant to the present date, and the reason for each and every change.
- 20. Please describe in detail all efforts undertaken by TRW to monitor the performance of its seat belt systems in the field to ensure they performed in a reasonably safe manner during rollover accidents.
- 21. Identify all person(s) known, believed or suspected by this Defendant or its agents to possess knowledge of this matter, including the subject vehicle, any of its component parts, the persons involved in the accident, any witnesses to the accident, or any efforts undertaken to inspect, test and/or photograph the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 22. Identify and describe in detail whether any testing was conducted on the subject vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors or substantially similar retractors to evaluate the amount of intermittent release of webbing. As part of your response, please identify what testing was conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of such testing, and the name, address and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.
- 23. State whether you believe Sue Ann Graham received her fatal injuries inside or outside of the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicle.

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- 24. Identify the TRW seatbelt systems using the same or substantially similar TRW
- retractors which were tested (whether crash, sled or rollover tested) by or for TRW and/or Chrysler.
- 25. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever recommended to Chrysler that a pretensioner application that remains locked with belt tension regardless of motion be incorporated into the seat belt systems of the Jeep Liberty.
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- 29. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat belt buckle system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please identify the manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-referenced seat belt and/or seat belt buckle system(s).
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANKIE OVERTON, Administrator of the Estate of SUE ANN GRAHAM, Deceased; and SCOTT GRAHAM, as legal guardian of JORDON GRAHAM, a minor child,

CASE NO:

Plaintiff, * JURY DEMAND REQUESTED

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vs. *

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.; * FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES US, LLC (FCA US, LLC); RODERICUS **OBYRAN CARRINGTON; TRW** * AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP., * f/k/a TRW, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE U.S. LLC; TRW VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; TRW AUTOMOTIVE US, LLC; TRW SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.; ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG; ZF TRW **AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.:** and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS "1" through "13"

<u>PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR</u> PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT ZF TRW AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS CORP.

Plaintiff in the above-styled action propounds these discovery requests upon Defendant ZF TRW Automotive Holdings Corp., and requests that they be answered fully in writing and under oath within the time provided by the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*. Each request is addressed to the knowledge and information of Defendant's attorneys, investigators, agents, employees, and other representatives. When a question is directed to Defendant, the question is also directed to the aforementioned persons.

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These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the

persons or entities to whom these requests are addressed obtain further information between the

time the initial answers are served and the time of trial.

INTERROGATORIES

1. Identify the person(s) answering and/or assisting in answering these interrogatories.

As part of your response, please include the name, address, title and duties of the person(s)

identified.

2. If this Defendant's name is not correctly stated in the Complaint on file in this case,

state the correct way this Defendant should have been designated as a party defendant in a lawsuit

at the time of the occurrence made the basis of the lawsuit and at the time these interrogatories

were answered.

3. State the general corporate history of this Defendant from the date of incorporation

to the present. This should include, but not be limited to, the state of incorporation, date of

incorporation and the principal place of business.

4. Identify each and every insurer at issue in this case. This request includes the name,

address and policy limits of each insurer or potential insurer of any type whatsoever that may be

liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment or settlement which may entered in this action, or to

indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any judgment or settlement in this case.

5. Identify and "fully describe" the seatbelt systems contained on the 2002 Jeep

Liberty. This request includes, but is not limited to, identification of the make and model number

of each seatbelt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; identification of the component

parts of each seat belt system by location within the 2002 Jeep Liberty; the total cost of each

seatbelt system, as well as a breakdown of the cost by component part of each seatbelt system; the

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specifications of each seatbelt system and their component parts; the purpose of each seatbelt system; the name, acronym and part number of the various parts which make up the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle; the date(s) the seat belt systems were designed and manufactured; the locations where the seat belt systems were manufactured; and the name, address and phone number of each entity in the distribution chain.

- 6. Identify and describe in detail this Defendant's responsibilities for the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 7. Identify and describe in detail the responsibilities of all other Defendants concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty?
- 8. Identify and describe in detail the history of your involvement as related to Chrysler vehicles, including but not limited to, the Jeep Liberty line.
- 9. Identify all persons responsible for the design of the seatbelt systems in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please include the name and address of the person(s) responsible, including the chief engineer(s) involved, whether those persons are still employed by you, and if not, when they ceased employment with this Defendant.
- Identify all release engineers for any and all of the seatbelt systems used in the 2002
 Jeep Liberty.
- 11. To the extent any of the seatbelt systems of the type utilized in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty have ever been the subject of a defect investigation or engineering analysis by NHTSA, please describe in detail those investigations and analysis. In responding to this request, please provide the date the investigation was initiated, all reasons for initiating the investigation, and the results of the investigation.

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- 12. Identify and describe fully any testing conducted on the seatbelt systems in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty, including substantially similar seatbelt system models, to evaluate their performance in vehicle accidents, including rollover accidents. As part of your response, please provide what testing was conducted, the dates of any such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address and phone number of the person(s) and entity (if this Defendant, the appropriate department) responsible for such testing.
- 13. Identify and describe the type of seat belt retractor(s) used in the subject vehicle's seatbelt systems by location within the vehicle. This request includes, but is not limited to, whether the retractor was dual sensitive; the performance standards for locking of the retractor; whether the retractor uses a web grabber; and whether the retractor has a pretensioner.
- 14. Identify and describe in detail any testing that was conducted on the seat belt system retractors', as well as substantially similar retractors, to evaluate the performance of the retractor in a rollover accident, including the incidence of spool-out. As part of your answer, please identify what testing was conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of any such testing, and the name, addresses and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.
- 15. Identify and describe in detail whether any of the subject vehicle's seat belt system retractors or substantially similar retractors were tested to evaluate their performance in rollovers, including the amount of pay out of webbing. As part of your answer, please include what testing was conducted, including the dates of such testing, the results of the testing, and the name, address and phone number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.
- 16. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors from spooling out in the event of a rollover accident.

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17. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the subject vehicle's

seat belt systems' retractors from releasing webbing in a rollover.

18. State each and every step taken by this Defendant to prevent the seat belt retractors

of the subject vehicle's seat belt systems from permitting intermittent release of webbing in a

vehicle accident, including a rollover accident.

19. Please describe each and every change to the design of each retractor/retractor

assembly contained within the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty from the date it was first marketed by

this Defendant to the present date, and the reason for each and every change.

20. Please describe in detail all efforts undertaken by TRW to monitor the performance

of its seat belt systems in the field to ensure they performed in a reasonably safe manner during

rollover accidents.

21. Identify all person(s) known, believed or suspected by this Defendant or its agents

to possess knowledge of this matter, including the subject vehicle, any of its component parts, the

persons involved in the accident, any witnesses to the accident, or any efforts undertaken to inspect,

test and/or photograph the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty.

22. Identify and describe in detail whether any testing was conducted on the subject

vehicle's seat belt systems' retractors or substantially similar retractors to evaluate the amount of

intermittent release of webbing. As part of your response, please identify what testing was

conducted, the results of the testing, the dates of such testing, and the name, address and phone

number of the entity or department(s) responsible for such testing.

23. State whether you believe Sue Ann Graham received her fatal injuries inside or

outside of the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicle.

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- 24. Identify the TRW seatbelt systems using the same or substantially similar TRW retractors which were tested (whether crash, sled or rollover tested) by or for TRW and/or Chrysler.
- 25. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever recommended to Chrysler that a pretensioner application that remains locked with belt tension regardless of motion be incorporated into the seat belt systems of the Jeep Liberty.
- 26. Identify and describe whether this Defendant ever notified Chrysler that conventional retractors can experience intermittent release of webbing during rollover accidents?
- 27. Identify each and every analysis (whether it be a test, study, computer simulation, or any other analysis) undertaken on the 2002 Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems to evaluate the seat belt systems' ability to prevent occupant ejection (whether partial or full) in a rollover accident.
- 28. Identify and describe any incidents, including but not limited to any accidents, claims or lawsuits, involving the ejection or partial ejection of an occupant in a vehicle equipped with the same or substantially similar seat belt systems as in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please provide the date of the accident / incident; the name and address of the person injured as well as their counsel, if applicable; the make, model and year of the vehicle involved in the accident / incident; and the caption and case number of the lawsuit, if one was commenced.
- 29. Identify and describe all vehicles that share the same seatbelt and/or seat belt buckle system(s) that are utilized in the subject vehicle. As part of your response, please identify the manufacturer, make and model of each vehicle utilizing the above-referenced seat belt and/or seat belt buckle system(s).
- 30. Identify and describe all information provided to any other Defendant (including Chrysler and/or FCA) concerning the seatbelt systems in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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31. If you contend that the accident alleged in the Complaint and/or the Plaintiffs'

alleged injuries and damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty

being improperly repaired, maintained, altered, modified or serviced, please describe fully. As part

of your answer, please provide the nature and date(s) of the alleged improper repair, maintenance,

alteration, modification or service.

32. If you contend that the action, activity or failure to act of any person or entity other

than the Plaintiffs contributed to cause the accident alleged in the Complaint or Plaintiffs' alleged

injuries and damages, please describe in detail. As part of your response, please provide the name

and address of such person or entity; the specific nature of such action, activity or failure to act;

how such actions, activity or failure to act contributed to cause the incident alleged in the Plaintiffs'

alleged injuries and damages; the identity of each person with knowledge that some other person

or defendant contributed to the incident or Plaintiffs' injuries or damages.

33. Identify all persons you expect to call as an expert witness at the trial of this action.

As part of your answer, please provide the name of the expert(s) you expect to call and the subject

matter that you expect your expert(s) to testify to.

34. Identify all expert opinions that your experts will offer at the trial of this action. As

part of your answer, please provide the substance of the facts and opinions to which he or she is

expected to testify, a summary of the grounds of their opinions, all supporting literature they intend

to rely upon to form their opinions, and any and all reports and draft reports that they intend to

offer in this matter.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

1. Produce all documents (tests, studies, etc.) referenced in your responses to the

Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories.

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- 2. Produce any and all product literature distributed, printed or circulated by this Defendant, and which contain photographs, diagrams, descriptions or analysis of the seat belt systems in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty. This Request includes all brochures, advertisements, white papers, marketing materials and information packets.
- 3. Produce any and all documents or writings prepared by this Defendant for or accompanying the seat belt systems contained in the subject 2002 Jeep Liberty which you contend contained warnings of any dangers which users (including engineers, manufacturers, consumers, etc.) of the product may be exposed to and/or containing any instructions for use.
- 4. Produce any and all photographs or videotapes of the subject Jeep Liberty made the basis of this action, including any photographs or videotapes of the accident scene or the Plaintiffs.
- 5. Produce any and all sales documents including invoices, purchase orders, bills of lading, and shipping invoices relating to the subject Jeep Liberty's seat belt systems made the basis of this lawsuit.
- 6. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all complaints received by you from any source wherein it was alleged that an injury or death occurred as a result of a defective and/or failed seat belt restraint system in any of the seat belt restraint systems manufactured, designed or assembled by this Defendant, including those utilized in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 7. Produce any and all patents related to the seat belt design(s) on the 2002 Jeep Liberty or substantially similar seat belt design(s), held by you or any of your employees, including copies of any patent applications related to the passenger restraint systems.

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- 9. Produce any and all expert reports which have been prepared in connection with this lawsuit or the incident giving rise to this lawsuit, if the expert is prepared to, or may, testify in this case. This request should also encompass any report prepared by any other person which has been reviewed by any expert intended to testify at the trial of this case.
- 10. Produce copies of any and all statements previously made by the Plaintiffs concerning the subject matter of this lawsuit, including any written statements signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the Plaintiffs and any stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other type of recording or any transcription thereof made by the Plaintiffs hereto and recorded.
- 11. Produce copies of any and all documents, reports or other written records pertaining to any investigation of this incident, which were generated by persons other than this defendant.
- 12. Produce sketches, blueprints, schematics and/or drawings of the design of the passenger restraint system (including the seat belt system(s) for all seats) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the Jeep Liberty models preceding and subsequent to the 2002 Jeep Liberty.
- 13. Produce any and all documents, photographs or other physical evidence which will be utilized by you and offered as evidence at the trial of this case.
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assembled by you.

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comments/complaints regarding this Defendant's products.

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analysis for the front seats and passenger restraint systems, including their component parts, on

the 2002 Jeep Liberty and for the five years preceding and subsequent to the 2002 model.

19. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all parts lists which depict parts

for the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

20. Produce a complete and legible copy of any and all meeting minutes, presentations,

documentation, visual aids, or any other documents or things which discuss or depict the as-

manufactured design of the passenger restraint system(s) (including seat belt system(s)) for the

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case.

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studies and analyses conducted by or on behalf of this Defendant related to occupant protection

from passenger restraint failures (including seat belt system(s) failures).

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- 23. Please produce a complete and legible copy of any and all engineering drawings, blueprints, photographs, video, computer files, notes, memorandum, and/or studies for the 2002 Jeep Liberty that would show:
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- 28. Produce all correspondences between you and any third party or Defendant in this litigation concerning the selection of the restraint systems (including the seat belt system(s)) contained in the 2002 Jeep Liberty.

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